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LAGOS (AFF) — I'vo Americans who attived Nigeria for a programme organised by the U.S. Information Service (L'StS) office here were immediately turned back by security agents on arrival at Lagos airport, diplomatic sources said Wednesday. Robert Holmes and Henry Elonge, environmentalists from the Clerk Atlanta University. Georgia, were on Saturday refused entry into the country by immigration officials at the airport, the sources told AFP. The visit of the two Americans had been also also for a long time, the sources added Althoush are official. planned for a long time, the sources added. Although no official reason has so far been given for cending the Americans back, observers pointed to the reaction of the U.S. givernment against last Friday's execution of renowned writer and minority rights campaigner. Ken Saro-Wrwa, and eight of his companions. Among other sanctions, following the execution, the U.S. government has clamped on Nigeria an embargo on the sale and repair of arms and has also tightened its viva regime on governi officials visiting America.

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Arab 'anti-terrorism' plan on hold

CAIRO (AFP) - Arab justice ministers have put on hold until next year a disputed draft plan for combatting militant violence, officials at the Arab League said Wednesday. They said several member states voiced reservations on aspects of the plan, which would be discussed at the next meeting of justice ministers in 1996. The draft agreement "underlines the desire of the purities for close cooperation against terrorism, which threatens security and stability in Arah countries," said Egypt's Justice Minister Farouk Seif Al Nasr. The executive committee of the Arab League Council of Justice Ministers in Cairo drew up the draft in coordination with the council of interior ministers, he said. It "establishes the bases for cooperation against terrorism especially (concerning) the exchange of information and evidence and the mechanisms for extraditing prisoners," he said. The justice ministers opened their meeting on Tuesday, a day alter a carbomb attack on U.S. offices in Riyadh used to Irain the Saudi National Guard that killed five Americans and an Indian national.

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Peres named prime minister

TEL AVIV (AFP) - Labour leader Shimon Peres was offioally appointed as Israel's new prime minister on Wednesday as President Ezer Weizman asked him to form a government to advance the peace process.

Mr. Peres, accepting Mr. Weizman's appointment, pledged to work for peace with neighbouring Arab it's port engine countries and for a reconciliasively damage tion between Israelis.

"At this difficult hout I thank you Mt. President for your help, and I will make every effort to achieve peace with our neighbours and between ourselves," Mr. Peres

The 72-year-old political veteran said he was ready to assume the task, but added: "My heart is heavy at the thought of the circumstances which have led to this.

"The loss of Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, let his name be blessed, victim of a murderer's bullets, has left a people in tears and suffer-

Mr. Weizman said: "After consulting for two days with representatives from all the political factions I decided to oconfer on you the task of forming a government."

The "overwhelming majority of patliamentary groups proposed" Mr. Peres as new prime ministet, following the assassination of Mr. Rabin on

Nov. 4. he said. Mr. Weizman, who has in past months ctiticised the autonomy accords with the Palestinians in the wake of deadly anti-Israeli bombings, ent is in soil pledged his "complete support for the continuation of

In a brief and solemn ceremony at the president's offices, Mr. Weizman also paid tribute to Mr. Rabin's memory saying he fell "viclim to a criminal hand, an act which has shattered our peo-

"I hope with all my heart that we will be able to eradicate the false conceptions which give birth to this disastet and that we will be able to strengthen understanding and the unity of our people.

Mr. Weizman told journalists after the ceremony; "I believe we need a government as broad as possible because the greater the support, the more able he will be to take courageous decisions. 'But a national unity

cabinet is not on the agen-Mr. Peres now has 21 days to form a new government, a period which could be pro-

longed for a further 21 days,

But sources said he was likely

to present his new line-up next week. Political analysts believe Mr. Peres will follow Mr. Rabin's example and keep the defence portfolio to give bis government a strong image of security, while ceding his post of foreign minister

undet Mr. Rabin. The previous coalition had the backing of 63 out of the 120 deputies in patliament: 44 Labout deputies, 12 from the left-wing Meretz, two right-wing defectors and five from Israeli-Arab minority

Mr. Peres has alteady held talks to try to draw in some of the smaller Jewish religious groups.

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RIYADH (Agencies) -U.S. Ambassadot Raymond int. had been Mabus on Wednesday hinted at possible foreign involvement in the devastating bomb olast which killed five Americans and an Indian at a U.S.-run Saudi Arabia milit-

ary centre two days ago. Saudi Arabia lives in a bad neighbourhood," he told teporters who asked for possible motives for the attack, which has sent shock waves through the secretive

kingdom (see page 2). Mr. Mabus said U.S. investigators so fat had no idea who was behind the suspected carbomb, which he described as a "very sophisticated" device triggered by a

But when asked whether foreign powers hostile to the United States and Saudi Arabia - such as Iran — might

be responsible, he replied: I've got a very open mind as to who might be involved. but... we have some bad neighbours... that is one of

U.S. embassy officials said American women were among the 60-odd people who were injured when the bomb exploded in a cat patk near the Saudi National Guard training centte while its foreign employees were

cating in a cafeteria. Some were critically ill and one woman had to have 100 stitches in fout houts of surgery, a Western executive

Mr. Mabus said the bomh was clearly directed at Ameticans but vowed they would not be cowed by what he described as a "cowardly

"We'te not going to withdraw behind walls ... we will keep doing what we are going to do here... we will not be intimidated by this tragedy, on and brau not have any impact on the dose ties beautiful. and the sed who amout close ties between the United states and Saudi Atabia. he dozen celebrar to have any impact on the Close ties between the United states and Saudi Atabia. he

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the attack. General Wafik Samarrai, an Iragi opposition member and formet head of Iraqi military intelligence who now lives in exile, also blamed the bombing on the Iraqi government.

Al Jumhoutivah added: "Some Kuwaiti officials accuse Iraq every time such an incident happens without any proof and without seeking to obtain information.'

It also said the United States sent a team of investigators to Riyadh because it had no confidence in the Saudis.

"Clinton has doubts about the ability of the Al Saud (ruling family) and sent a U.S. team to inquire into the Rivadh explosion," the newspaper said.

Another official newspaper Al Thawra said "terror has gripped Saudi Arabia" and described the attack as "the natural result of repression and arrests in Saudi Arabia." The Saudi government. meanwhile, put up a \$800,000 reward to track down the

An Interior Ministry spokesman said the teward of three million Saudi riyals would be given for "any information which will help investigators discover the identities of the perpetrators."

The offer is open to both Saudis and foreign nationals who will be guaranteed "total confidentiality," and those living abroad ean contact Saudi embassies to offer information, the spokesman

The reward offer "show how important it is for Saudis and tesidents to coopetate in the investigation," he said.

A 19-member Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) team and Iwo U.S. State Department officials joined the Saudi authorities in the hunt for the bombers as the official Al Bilad newspaper said the attack could have been catried out by a "stray" Saudi

minority. The bombing was claimed by two little-known groups demanding U.S. forces leave Saudi Arabia "The Tigers of

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King calls on silent majority to speak up

AMMAN (Petra) — His Majesty King Hussein Wednesday voiced his deep appreciation of the Jordanian peoples' celebration of his 60th birthday and the sincere good wishes and greetings which were sent to him on the occasion. He pledged to dedicate his

Speaking to the morning television programme, "New Day," King Hussein said that he hopes that all Jordanians will be aware of and shoulder their responsibilities towards theit country and nation.

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WASHINGTON (Agencies)

- Rival congressional lead-ers said on Wednesday that

they expected no early break-

through in the budget dead-lock that idled about 40 per

cent of federal workers for a

second day. House of Representatives

Speaker Newt Gingrich said

don't think we're an inch

House Democratic leader

Dick Gephardt of Missouri,

in a separate television inter-

view, concurred, saying:

"Right now it looks like this

Public opinion polls

showed Republicans were

taking a bigger hit than Presi-dent Bill Clinton for the shut-

down, which sent about

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federal workers home on

A USA Today/CNN/

Gallup poll on Tuesday night

showed 49 per cent of respon-

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"I do not wish to see the silent majority always silent but rather airing their views and expressing themselves about their aspirations and hopes and working towards achieving them," said the King. "We hope to hear the voice of the sitent majority ringing loud and strong and frank about what is right."

The King expressed hope that the Jordanian people will succeed in pursuing their march and clearly define their course for the future in an atmosphere characterised by peace, security and stability,

which, he said, will help this tegion to achieve progress and prosperity.

"There is also need for the people to protect democracy so that it will serve as an example for others to follow and there is need for the Jordanians to live the political pluralism within a united Jordanian family," added the

King Hussein stressed that "man is the basis and the target and therefore respect of human rights remains our utmost objec-

Referring to the past

years the King said they brought many challenges to him but he was determined to do the impossible to help the Jordanian people to pave the way for a brighter future.

King Hussein on Wednesday received more cables of good wishes from Arab and foreign heads of state and leaders congratulating him on his birthday.

King Fahd Ben Abdul Aziz of Saudi Arabia sent a cable congratulating the King and wishing him good health and happiness and the Jordanian people further progress and prospenty.

by Yemeni President Ali Abdullah Saleh, Bosnian President Alija Izetbegovie, Turkish President Suleiman Demirel, Chad President Idris Debie, King Juan Carlos of Spain, Swedish King Carl Gustav, North Korean President Kim Jong-II and Finnisb Ptesident Mauno Koivisto. The King also received cables from Pakistani Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto, Bahraini Prime Minister Sheikh Khalifah Ben Salman Al Khalifah and Bosnian Prime Minis-

tet Haris Silaidzic.



U.S asks Croatia to hand over war crime suspects

ZAGREB (R) — The United States pressed Croatia on Wednesday to cooperate with the U.N. war crimes tribunal after a Bosnian Croat militia general indicted for slaughter of Muslims was appointed to a senior Croatian army post.

President Franjo Tudjman on Tuesday named General Tibomir Blaskic, chief of staff of the Bosnian Croat militia (HVO), as inspector in the Croatian army general inspectorate, one day after his indictment for crimes against humanity.

"The only appointment Mr. Blaskic can legally bave now is with the International War Crimes Tribunal in the U.S. ambassador to Croatia.

"All countries - Serbia, Croatia and Bosnia - have a legal obligation to turn over indicted war criminals who are on their territory. Cooperation is a factor that will affect U.S. telations with these countries," he told reporters in Zagreb.

Independent analysts and even officials in Mr. Tudjman's government were taken aback by the president's move at a time when he is negotiating for Croat interests at the ex-Yugoslav peace conference, mediated by U.S. diplomats in Dayton,

The United Nations criminal tribunal for former Yugoslavia on Monday charged six leading Bosnian Croats, including Mr. Blaskic and Dario Kordic, president of the Bosnian wing of Mr. Tudjman's HDZ party, with war crimes and crimes against humanity allegedly committed against Muslims in ethnic fighting in 1993.

Some analysts said the move seemed to be less a promotion than a hasty mannistrative position.

the Republicans and Democrats were not "an inch closer" to a deal than when temporary spending authority ran out at midnight Monday. "We'll sit down again to-" to try to end the impasse, Mr. Gingrich said on the CBS programme "This Morning." But he added: "I

A Palestinian woman holds a collage showing Yasser Arafat in Jerusalem at a demonstration in Gaza on Wednesday as she and others celebrate the seventh anniversary of the declaration of independence by the Palestinian National Council (AFP photo)

Palestinians celebrate 'independence'

GAZA CITY (Agencies) — Thousands of Palestinians turned out here on Wednesday to celebrate the seventh anniversary of the declara-tion of the "State of Palestine" proclaiming that their

dents blamed Republican congressional leaders, 26 per dream was within sight. cent blamed Democrat Clin-"The Palestinian state is ton and 19 per cent blamed beginning to take shape," the secretary general of the Palestinian National Author-Mr. Gingrich said: "We'll take the heat for the moment ity (PNA) Tayeb Abdul Rahim, told a crowd of because we'll do the right rhing for our children and 10,000 people in a stadium in

grandchildren." Gaza City. Seven armoured troop Republicans want Mr. Clinton to eliminate the transporters equipped with federal deficit in seven years, machine guns took part in a rather than in the 10-year military parade in the city, as thousands of people across the territories celebrated the rime frame he favours. Mr. Clinton has refused. anniversary of the 1988 dec-Mt. Gingrich has proposed

adopting piecemeal legislalaration by the Palestinian tion to fund the reopening of National Council. high-profile government But trouble flated in the West Bank town of Nablus functions, such as processing social security applications where Israeli troops fired on and running national parks. the crowds and threw tear-Acting to avert a default. Treasury Secretary Robert Rubin invoked his authority to withdraw money from re-

interest payments on the \$4.9 trillion U.S. debt. "If the Republican Congress won't take action to prevent default and protect social security recipients, I will." President Clinton said

tirement trust funds to meet

in a statement. Mr. Gingrich told his staff that the standoff could last 90 days, his spokesman said. When he said 90 days, he meant 90 days," Tony Blankley, the speaker's press

secretary, told reporters, But seeking to ease public anger, Mt. Gingrich said he would submit special legislation to reopen the national parks, social security, the vetetans administration and U.S. passport offices. The national park bill could go to House floor Wednesday, he

To stave off default, Mr. Rubin announced he would meet a \$25 billion interest payment on the U.S. debt

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A breakaway group from the Palestine Liberation Organisation's (PLO) Fatch movement burned tyres in the centre of Nablus and threw stones at Israeli sol-

diers. Soldiers fired live ammunition, rubber bullets and teargas at the stone-throwers, they added.

There were no reports of casualties but Palestinians said the tear-gas drove many people off the streets. In Jenin, where Israeli

troops withdrew on Monday after 28 years of occupation. more than 3,000 Palestinians joined policemen in an independence day parade on . Wednesday.

We in the Jenin district feel very happy and hope that the day will come when the Palestinian state gains its full independence," said Louis Hazboun, a Catholic priest attending the Jenin celebrations.

The PLO has decided to delay an independence day reception in the PLO's Jerusalem headquarters due on Wednesday to avoid embarrassing acting Israeli Prime Minister Shimon Peres as he

forms a new government. Faisal Al Husseini, the PLO official in charge of Palestinians in the city, said: "The reception was delayed until further notice so it would not be exploited by Israeli elements to disrupt our partner's attempts to reorganise political condi-

tions in Israel." PLO officials said Mr Peres and other Israelis had also objected to the wording of invitations to the reception in the Orient House, the PLO's headquarters in Easi Jerusalem.

The invitations said the reception would be "Under the patronage of H.E. President Yasser Arafat" - wording which Israelis could construe

banning PLO activity in the city at this stage in peace negotiations. In Gaza motorcycles ridden by Palestinan policemen

drove behind the troop transporters, while hundreds of balloons in the red, black, white and green colours of the Palestinian flag were released into the air. Dozens of flags and posters of PLO leader Yasser Arafat.

who declared the day a public

holiday, were stuck to the

walls of the stadium and in the streets. Mr. Atafat, however, missed the ceremonies because he left for Paris to take part in ceremonies to mark the 50th anniversary of UN-

"The declaration of the state placed us on the political map and the (1993) Declaration of Principles put us

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oeuvre to relieve Mr. Blaskic of his frontline command and shift him to an obscure admi-

Associations cry foul over expected curbs on their powers By Ayman Al Safadi stand against the peace treaty

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Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — Nine opposition political patties have rejected government plans to amend laws governing the professional associations, describing the impending changes "as a first step to weaken the institutions of civic society (and) silencing populat opposition" to the peace tteaty with Israel.

In a joint statement made public yesterday the opposition parties, mainly Islamist and left-wing pan-Atabists. said the government wants to dominate the professional associations through amending laws governing them so that they become another "tool in the hands of government agencies which are plagued by buteauctaey, corruption, favoritism and adminis-

trative imbalances." "The political patties which have signed this statement express their rejection

of these policies which work against the national interest of the country and hinder the active role of professional unions in national productivity." said the statement. which was signed by the Islamic Action Front, the Jotdanian Socialist Arab Baath Party, the Jordanian Communist Party and the National Action Front as well as other pan-Atabist and leftist political groups.

The associations have repeatedly come under criticism by His Majesty King Hussein and the government for what the regime described as undue meddling in politics to the detriment of union members interests. In a speech to senior milit-

ary officers last week, the King said the country would no longer tolerate the associations' stands and instructed the givetnment to cutb their influence. Eleven professional asso-

ciations have taken a hardline

Observers say the government might amend the law to make membership in the unions voluntary or seek a ruling from the Higher Council

been decided yet.

for the Interpretation of the Constitution on whether it is constitutional for the unions to meddle in politics.

Traditionally, the associations played a role in compensating for political parties when they were banned. "The Constitution, the National Charter and the

Political Parties' Law allow Jordanian citizens to join political parties. This applies for members of union," said the opposition parties, which utged members of the professional associations to "unite to protect their unions."

Times in an interview this week that the government The parties said the professional unions play an imporwould act to end the associatant role in society and in tions' interference in national raising the people's awareness tute of the amendments that of national responsibilities, upholding the principles of would be introduced to laws democracy, human rights and governing them have not public freedoms.

Acting to limit the tole of the associations, said the statement, "will undermine the state because the national structure cannot be complete

unless civie institutions are protected and their tole in consolidating national awareness, social, professional and voluntary work is streng-

thened." The statement said Jordanian unions have played a major role in upgrading the professional abilities of their members, providing them with basic services such as medical insutance and social security, cutbing unemployment and monitoring the petformance of their members, "duties which the government bureaucracy cannot do"

Sharif Zeid said in this week's interview with the Jordan Times that the action the government will take in its effort to end the association's interference in politics would not affect the benefits that their members have. "We are not going to inflict on them any financial damage or loss. We will find a

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Iran denies role in Afghan war

KABUL (AFP) — Iran has denied Islamic Taliban militia claims that it is involved in the Afghan conflict, but has reiterated its recognition of the beleaguered Kabul admi-

Visiting Iranian Deputy Foreign Minister Allaeddin Borujerdi said here late Tuesday Tehran wanted to help find a negotiated solunon to the fighting here, but dismissed accusations of Iranian interference in Afghan

"Our view about the Afghan conflict is clear: We condemn any outside in-terference. We are a pro-peace country and would not commit such an act ourselves.

"Iranian weapons exist in Afghanistan, but these have survived from the time when we cooperated with the Mujahedeen during the Jihad (guerrilla war against the occupying Soviet forces), but this is not our current policy," Mr. Borujerdi told reporters at the Iranian embas-

sy here.
The denial came after the Taliban religious students movement claimed in September that Tehran was supplying arms and vehicles to government forces and allowing them to use bases inside Iran to strike at the Taliban-controlled areas of

The Talibans presented Iranian-made weapons to Tehran's consulate in the western city of Herat, claimrent Iranian military support of the Tajik-dominated, Persian-speaking government in Kabul.

Mr. Borujerdi said that during his two-day visit here he had discussed the conflict and possible solutions to it with President Burhanuddin Rabbani and the government's top military commander Ahmad Shah Masood.

He said he had expressed Iran's desire to help by prom-oting a negotiated peace among all sides in the protracted conflict, which is now concentrated on the govern-ment battle against the Taliban for control of Kabul.

The deputy foreign minister also stressed that Iran recognised Mr. Rabbani's government, which the Talibans — who have won con-

PARIS (R) - France said on

Tuesday it would review dual

citizenship rules for people of

French and Algerian nationality after chaotic

scenes during voting for Algeria's presidential elec-

"The situation merits reex-

amination." Justice Minister

Jacques Toubon told parlia-

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He was responding to a

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Mr. Toubon invited parlia-

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"Any Islamic state already existing in Kabul is legiti-mate. We should help such a government come to a peace-ful solution to the problems through negotiations, as it has been proved that no military solution will work."

Mr. Borujerdi said that an internal solution had to be found to end the fighting here," which has killed hundreds of thousands of people since the Soviet invaded Afghanistan in 1979, and which has since become a bitter civil war between various factions vying for control of the government.

But he stressed that Iran had not yet decided whether to include the Talibans in any attempts at a negotiated set-

"The Talibans are newly emerged, that's why it takes time to decide whetber to deal with them or not," be

The religious students sprang up in the Koranic schools of southern Afghanistan last year, and rapidly gained control of about twothirds of the war-weary country by promisiog the restoration of law and order and an end to the conflict.

The black-turbaned warriors then routed both government and opposition forces on the battlefields and swept towards Kabul, which they are besieging and where they want to set up a stricter Islamic state and impose Islamic law on the whole nation.

Amid Talibans' claims of Iranian interference io Afgbanistan, the Kabul government has accused Pakistan of backing the rebels both military and logisitically, a claim which Islamabad has

Mr. Borujerdi said Iran, which recently called for an end to Pakistani interference in Afgbanistan, accepted Pakistan's denial of any interference in the war.

"We bave spoken to Pakistan about involvement in the Talibans and they have contardicted such reports. We have to accept their official statement," he said.



CLASHES IN NABLUS: Palestinians pull a comrade to a car affer he was shot and wounded in the leg by Israeli soldiers when hundreds turned up on Wednesday in the occupied West Bank town of Nablus to celebrate the seventh anniversary of the declaration of independence by the Palestinian National Council (see page one) (AFP photo)

Fear grips Saudi-based expatriates

RIYADH (R) — Fear has gripped Saudi Arabia's expatriate community after a devastating bomb blast killed six foreigners and injured

The U.S. mission in Riyadh kept thousands of Americans in the capital supplied with regular advice and diplomats said the explosion on Monday at a U.S.-run military centre had shaken their uoiquely peaceful, albeit segregated existence.

"People are worried. We are asking them to exercise extreme caution and be especially vigilant on personal security," a U.S. diplomat All social events scheduled

for the week had been cancelled, incloding a military ball and an annual bazaar which normally drew hundreds of expatriates.

"This is completely out of the blue for most people - if you'd asked someoue what it was like living here a few days ago they would probably have said calm and bappy, said a Western executive who

wished to remain anony-

which shattered windows and blew in doors more than two kilometres, revived nightmare memories of the 1983 Beirut suicide bombing in which 241 U.S. servicement

A U.S. embassy spokesmen said seven people, including five Americans, were still fighting for their lives in Nearly two thirds of the 60

eople wounded when the blast ripped through a cafeteria at the Saudi National Guard facility were Americans, including 13 military personnel

Two shadowy Islamic roups — an unknown organisation called The Tigers of the Gulf and another called Islamic Movement for Change - both claimed re-

A team of U.S. investigators arrived in the kingdom on Tuesday evening to help the Saudis hunt down the culprits.
Iraqi TV, monitored by the British Broadcasting Cor-poration (BBC) on Tuesday, reported that a new group has claimed responsibility for Monday's explosion in

The Combatant Partisans of God organisation, or Munazzamat Ansar Allah Al Muqatilah, vowed the attack marked the beginning of acti-vities which would not end until all U.S. forces left Saudi Arabia, the television said.

Diplomats said the blast more typical for volatile Middle East centres elsewhere rather than the secretive kingdom - had heightened discrepancies between the lifestyle of families of Western executives and ordinary

Within their wallett compounds, the 30,000 Americans who have taken temporary residence in the home of two of Islam's holiest shrines can live a relaxed, active life similar to what

story. Bearded voluntary religious police known as "muttawa" glare at foreigners and

make sure shops close five times a day for prayers. Any female who does oot envelope herself in a flowing black cloak is suspect and risks being violently pursued. There is a wide gap be-tween liberal, Western-educated Saudis and more

traditional citizens who formed the backbone of an anti-government backlash sparked by Saudi Arabia's decision to host thousands of American troops during the Gulf war.

However, many Saudis have voiced revulsion at the explosion. "This is an unbelievable

thing to bappen — I am sure most Saudis feel this way," said Mobammad Ali, a 45year-old off-duty police offic-er examining the blast debris. About five million of Saudi Arabia's 17 million population are fo

unified strategy," it said. GCC members are Saudi

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Sudan says troops moving on Uganda

advancing on neighbouring Uganda, Lieutenant General Omar Al Bashir said Wednesday, renewing threats against the Kampala government for alleged support for Sudanese rebels. "We declare to (Ugandan

President Yoweri) Museveni and to all of his aides and those who pressed him that we are quite prepared not only to liberate our land, but also prepared to repay the visit to those who visited us," Gen. Bashir said in a speech broadcast on state-run radio.

"Our armies have now begun moving towards the Ugandan border... They are advancing at a steady pace guarded by the eye of Allah God) and pushed and helped by the angels, destroying fortifications of the rebellion one after another.

At the weekend, the Al Engaz Al Watani daily claimed that Ugandan and Entrean forces had participated in attacks alongside the southern rebel Sudan People's Liberation Army (SPLA), but said government forces had "destroyed 70 per cent of the Ugandan forces. paralysed their movement and driven them out of the battle completely.

The daily said government troops held prisoners from the Ugandan Fourth Division and tank crews from Eritrea. SPLA leader Colonel John Garang counterclaimed that

his rebels, at war with successive regimes in Khartoum for more than a decade, were closing in on the south Sudanese regional capital, He denied charges that Ugandan or Tanzanian

troops fought alongside SPLA soldiers or that the rebels were backed by either Eritrea or Ethiopia.

Mr. Museveni praised the
SPLA last week for fighting Ugandan rebels of the Lord's

Gen. Bashir stated that the advance of government

Resistance Army, who Kam-

pala alleges are based in Sudan and backed by Khar-

KHARTOUM (AFP) — troops will not stop until Khartoum's troops are every part of our land is purged from the dirt of the outlaws (rebels)" and threatened to deal a "blow to Museveni to make him feel sorry for the rasb act to which

Kampala broke off dia plomatic ties with Khartour in April, amid mutual allega-tions of backing for the other country's rebels. The SPLA has been fighting since 1983 to free mainly Christian and animist southern Sudan from domination by the Islamic

Kampala meanwhile strongly denied that its forces were on Sudanese soil and dismissed Khartoum's claims to have captured Ugandan soldiers inside Sudan 'mere propaganda."

Ugandan Foreign Minist spokesman Louis Balind said there was "no Ugandan" soldier on Sudanese soil. Kharioum was just finding scapegoats to its internal

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"We cannot rule out that they have captured Ugandans there because many have been living in the Sudan, like Amin's former foreign minister Juma Oris and Joseph Kony, the leader of Uganda's rebel Lord's Resistance Army (LRA)," he said.

"Maybe the Sudanese government is turning against them now, and claiming that has captured Ugandans." Balinda told AFP.

Asked what preparations Jganda was making to counter threatened attacks by Sudan, Mr. Balinda said; 'Let's wait until we reach the bridge to cross it, but anyway, this is not the first time that Sudan has made such allegations and threats. This mere propaganda.

Last week President Museveni vowed Uganda would defend itself if attacked by Sudan.

Uganda charges Sudan with supporting the LRA rebels fighting to overthrow Mr. Museveni's regime and replace it with a government that would strictly observe the Biblical "Ten Command-

Rabat council defends plebiscite preparation

PARIS (R) - Human rights requirements in helping to ivisers to the king of Morocco on Tuesday denied allegations that Rabat was trying to rig a United Nations referendum on disputed Western Sahara.

Speaking at a news conference in Paris, they complained instead about restrucnions on freedom of movement imposed in the territory by the United Nations' voter registration programme.

The New York-based Human Rights Watch (HRW) has accused Morocco of manipulating the preparations for the referendum, which would allow residents of the territory — called Sahrawis — to choose between independence and integration with Могоссо.

An HRW report sent to the United Nations in September accused Moroccan security forces of routinely preventing Sahrawis from going to voter registration centres or complaining to U.N. officials.

The denial came from members of Morocco's Advisory Council on Human Rights, which conducts investigations and advises King

Hassan on the subject.

They said Morocco was complying strictly with U.N.

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compile lists of eligible vo ters.

Sahrawis, they argued, were streaming, out of the territory and into Morocco to evade restrictions on their movements imposed by the voter registration program-

"The Sahrawi (Western Sahara) has become a camp where people are absolutely forbidden to move about." said Al Khyari Thami, who is also vice-president of Morocco's parliament.

The resulting refugees "have created a big problem for us at this time," be added. The United Nations is overseeing preparations for the vote under a 1991 ceasefire ending nearly 20 years of fighting between Morocco and the Algerian-backed

The referendum has been repeatedly delayed by dirputes over who is eligible to vote. A poll date bas still not been set.

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The Moroccan delegation was in Paris to consult others rights groups and officials said it next planned to head to Washington to visit HR offices to discuss their report

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The final two days for Wednesday and Thursday.

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Tens of thousands of Algerian immigrants in France crammed Algerian consulates at the weekend to vote in Algeria's presidential election, ignoring Algerian opposition calls for a boycott.

Algeria won independence

lasted hours. The election is to be beld in Algeria on Thursday. A total of 620,000 Algerian immigrants live in France, many of them with "I think it is good to re-

Algerians living in France to experts from the justice cast their ballots in the presidential elections were

ity was not to blame for Monday's Riyadh explosion in which six people, five of them Americans, were killed. They cited the 1993 New York World Trade Centre

blast in which six people were killed and more than 1.000 hurt, the bombing of a federal building Oklahoma in which 166 people died, bomb attacks in Paris. deadly nerve gas attacks in Tokyo and the recent assassination of Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak

"Nobody has asked these governments why they did not double their protection on installations targetted by terrorists. Terrorism has no specific timing or special seasons," said the daily Al Riyadh. "Terrorism takes place

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The Riyadh said: "Terrorism sometimes takes place in one territory as a kind of

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It was not clear from the editorial however, whether the newspaper was suggesting the planner of the blast had chosen Saudi soil for settling an account that did not necessarily involve the kingdom. The blast ripped through a

U.S.-run military training centre in Rivadh. Al Fajr newspaper of the United Arab Emirates said more attention should be

focused on what it called possible "ill-intentions being hatched for the region." 'The incident came at a time as if to divert attention from Israeli divisions over peace moves by opening the door for international interventions justifying them-

selves by protecting global strategic interests. Saudi newspaper Al-Yom said: "This unprecedented incident had no reflection on the kingdom's stability.

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it would not go unpunished.

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foreigners in the oil-rich Kingdom. Al Jazira's columnist

Mohammad Ben Abbas said: "Arab, Muslim and other expatriates, making up 23 per cent of the population of Saudi Arahia, will raise up to the level of understanding any phenomenon regardless of how negative it is when it affects their security, aims at their stability in this society.'

Another UAE daily. English-language Gulf News. defended the presence of U.S. military personnel in Saudi Arabia "seen by some extremists as unnecessary. whereas these expatriates are performing an important service to the country."

Bahrain's Al Ayam described the blast as "a shameful act of sabotage" and called for adoption of a Gulf Arab strategy to confront the risk of terrorism and extrem-

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Jordanian females are overweight, says study AMMAN(J.T.) - A recently published study carried out on Jordanian individuals showed that females were 9.7 kg overweight when compared to an ideal weight in other countries, that the younger people have larger foot length and breadth than their parents and grandparents, and that Jordanians were shorter cross it. but 🦝 than Americans, the s not the first in French, the Germans taller

> than the Japanese, according to a recent study. The study, carried out by the Vocational Training Corporation (VTC), and financed by the Higher Council for Science and Technology (HCST) and the Industrial Development Bank (IDB), is intended to

businessmen, and decisionmakers, the study said.

manufacturers,

* "David" (with commentary in Arabic by Dr. Khalid Khreis at Darat Al Funun

"The Empire of the Sun" at the Amer-

ican Center on Thursday at 5.00 p.m.

CONCERT & DANCE

* "La Folia Quartet" playing baroque classics at the Royal Cultural Centre on Thurdsday at 8.00 p.m.

* Performance by a Pakistani cultural troupe at the Royal Cultural Centre on

CELEBRATIONS

Two-day celebrations marking His

Majesty King Hussein's birthday at the

ubilee School, Thursday and Friday

(10 a.m. to 4.00 p.m.) Includes live

demonstarations of NHF projects, bas

on Thursday at 5.30 p.m.

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The Ministry of Education, who recommended the study, is expected to take into consideration the physical dimensions of Jordanian students between the age groups of 6-9,10-13,14-17, when desks and chairs are being designed.

Minister of Culture Samir Habashneh (centre) Wednesday opens an exhibition of

photos of His Majesty King Hussein at the University of Jordan as part of the university's celebrations of the King's 60th birthday. Mr. Habashneh was accompa-

nied by university President Fawzi Charaibeh (right)(Petra photo)

The study recommended that the ministry should also take physical education classes seriously as Jordanian girls are traditionally not encouraged to be physically active.

It said that a lack of physical exercise could lead to hypenension and diabetes. On the other hand, the study showed that Jordanian males had "ideal" weight, which is 72.3 kg. The average weight of the Jordanian woman was 58.8 kg, according to the study. The study explained that

shoes, and it recommended adopting British foot measurements which include The average height of the adult Jordanian male (18-45 years) is 1711mm. As for women, the average

young Jordanians have

larger foot size because

they wear rubber sports

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height for the same age group was 1591mm. The study, which was carned out on 3.438 Jordanians, provided 40 physical measurements for the Jordanian individual, including average weight, overall height, length of arms and legs, foot and head size as compared to other coun-

> The random sample represented Jordanians from different age groups, gen-der, and professions.

ing, fabric and cloth making on looms,

broom making, rug weaving, pottery making and clinical check-ups, plus

SHORT STORY RECITAL

* Recital of short stories by Oklah Had-

dad at the Phoenix Gallery on Thurs-

EXHIBITIONS

* "Pakistari Women of Substance in

paintings and photographs"at the National Gallery of Fine Arts, Jebel

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U.N. photo exhibition on the occa-

sary, "The U.N. through the eyes of its staff," at Abdul Hameed Shoman Gallery, Jabal Amman through Nov.23.

* Works by Jordanian and Iraqi artists

Hall, King Abdallah Gardens.

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Naur woman killed over alleged affair

By Rana Husseini Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN - A 22-year-old Naur woman Tuesday was shot and killed by her brother for allegedly having an affair with a man, according to judicial sources.

But subsequent investigations revealed that there was no affair hetween the victim and another man, the source said.

The source told the Jordan Times Wednesday that Taghrid A, was at her father's house in Al Rawdah suburb at around 7.30

Taghrid was shot once in the back by her brother, Mohammad, 19. The young woman died instantly, the source added.

Mohammad, allegedly used his father's gun to commit the crime, surrendered to authorities immediately following the incident, the source said. According to the source,

Mohammad killed his sister "because he received information from a friend that his sister had an affair with

"He (the suspect) became angry upon learning of the news and shot his sister

without investigating the

story," the source said. Police contacted by the Jordan Times Wednesday confirmed the incident but refused to comment.

Taghrid became the eighth woman reported to have been killed in the Kingdom in a "crime of honour" this yeur.

Meanwhile, Wednesday apprehended a 30-year-old man on suspicion of shooting and killing his brother-in-law in Sweifieh, confirmed sources

According to the source. Sami K., who was to be wed the same evening, Wednesday, is suspected of

shooting Ashraf Rawhi S., 27, in the back in his studio Sweifieh allegedly because of old feuds.

The vicum (Ashraf) went to the suspect's store and started to provoke him over old conflicts," the source said.

According to the source, the argument then became beated and the suspect allegedly came from behind the victim and shot him in the back of the head.

The suspect, "who carried a gun at all times" stayed in his shop, called his family and the police, the source said. He was apprehended the same evening and on

"Wednesday morning he confessed and re-enacted the crime," said the source.

The victim, a father of a one-year-old daughter, died instantly as a result of his wounds, the source said.

Meanwhile, judicial sources said that police were still looking for two suspects in connection with the Nov. 12 stabbing of a 20-year-old man in his grocery store in the Third Cir-

"At this time, we have a good description of the assailants but we have not apprehended anyone, " the source told the Jordan

Jordan elected to Arab housing council panel

CAIRO (Petra) - Jordan has been elected to the Executive Bureau of the Arab Ministers of Housing Council for a two-year term, according to Minister of Public Works and Hous-

ing Abdul Razzak Ensour. Mr. Ensour, who attended the Housing meeting in Cairo, said he believes Jordan's election was in recognition of its high standard building codes which were submitted to and approved by the council during its two-day meeting in Cairo.

Dr. Ensour said that Jordan is preparing building codes to serve as unifed systems for the Arab World. Jordan is currently imple-menting technical work required for the second phase of the Arab building codes, and the Arab minis-

ters' council has already

adopted the first set of these

codes to be used by the

Arab states, the minister

SOUTH SHUNEH (Petra)

— Jordan and the Palestine

National Authority (PNA)

Wednesday put into force a

bilateral agreement signed

on Jan. 26 on the exchange

of mail between Jordan and

the self-rule areas of Pales-

A special ceremony was

beld on the occasion in

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Valley not far from the

River Jordan, during which

the Minister of Post and

Communications, Jamal Saraireh, recieved a letter

addressed to His Majesty

King Hussein from Pales-

tine President Yasser Arafat

conveying greetings to the monarch on his 60th birth-

The letter was delivered

Postal services start

between Jordan, PNA

The council endorsed a draft pan-Arab declaration on sustainable development for habitat and called on Arab countries to take part in a UN-sponsored habitat meeting to be held in New York in February and another to be held in

Turkey in June of 1996. It also approved a number of measures to be taken by Arab states in celebrating the Arab housing day in October of 1996.

The ministers studied a report prepared by the UN Centre for Population Activities and the Economic and Social Commission for Western Asia on narional housing policies. The ministers voiced their countries pledge to back the Palestine National Authority in carrying out a housing project and infrastructure schemes in the self-rule areas of Palestine.

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post and communications.

At the same time a letter

addressed to the self-rule

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Addressing the ceremony,

Mr. Saraireh said that the

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Jordan and the PNA have

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Students Wednesday march through the University of Jordan campus in marking the 60th birthday of His Majesty King Hussein which fell on Nov. 14. Classes were closed Tuesday as the government declared that day a national holiday (Petra photo)

Mayor opens 2 public libraries in Amman

AMMAN (Petra) Amman Mayor Mamdouh Abbadi Wednesday opened two public libraries, one at Al Ashrafieh and another in the Yarmouk district, in the eastern outskirts of Amman, as part of the

of His Majesty King Hussein's 60th birthday. The mayor toured the sections and library promised the municipality will open more public libraries around the country in a bid to give impetus to the cultural movement in

the capital. The library at Al Ashrafieh consists of three halls for children's activities and for teaching music.

It holds 13,000 books and periodicals all dealing with children's literature while that in the Yarmouk district library bas \$,000 books on various subjects According to Mohammad

Kafawin, director of the municipality's libraries division, the two new libraries have raised to 16 the number of public libraries existing within the Amman area, which together hold 275.000 books.

Mr. Kafawin said that the public library at Yarmouk square metres and serves 170,000 residents of the Yarmouk district, considered among the most densely populated areas of Amman, with 38 schools for 40,000 students.

on the King's birthday continued in several regions including a large campus march by students of the University of Jordan, and rallies in Irbid and Balga governorates.

Various public and private organisations, scouts and girl guides took part in

Court sets Nov. 29 for decision on trial venue

By a Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — The State Security Court will decide on Nov. 29 whether to try two Jordanians involved in an anack on a French diplomat in Jordan in February or 10 transfer the case to the

Criminal Court. During a court session on Presiding Wednesday, Judge Hafez Amin decided to postpone the case to allow the court more time to review both the attorney's and the prosecutor general's arguments concerning the court's jurisdic-

Prosecutor General Major Mahmoud Obeidat asked the court last October to try the case in two separate COURTS.

The State Security, he argued should try the defendants for sabotage, and the Criminal Court must try them for attempted murder since "criminal acts are not considered within the State Court's jurisdic-

Salem Abdullah Jaradat and Ahmad Qassem, both

22, are charged with shooting and wounding a French diplomat last February in Wadi Mujib area.

However, the formal eharges against the two include "plotting to carry out extremist attacks, possessing illegal arms and explosives, and manufacturing hand-made explo-

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Two bagpipers of the Royal Jordanian Armed Forces Band play national songs along the beachfront in Aqaba as tourists bask in the autumn sun on Tuesday, Nov. 14, His Majesty's birthday (AFP photo)

Former S. Korean President grilled again; faces arrest

SEOUL (R) — South Korea's disgraced ex-President Roh Tae-Woo Wednesday was grilled by state prosecutors for the second time over his \$654 million slush funds and media reports said his arrest was immi-

State television said Mr. Rob was likely to be arrested in the early bours of Thursday morning after an extended interrogation over his illicit fortune.

The domestic Yonhap News Agency quoted nnnamed prosecutors as saying Mr. Rob faced bribery charges, which would make him the first South Korean head of state, serving or retired, to face criminal action.

A prosecution official said he could not confirm the news reports, but added. "Since this is the second time be is being summoned, you can't rule out the possibility of his arrest".

In a surprise move, Mr. Rob was abruptly summoned by prosecutors one day after threatening to spill the beans on who be paid money to during 1992 presidential elections won by

Mr. Kim Young-Sam. Opposition politicians immediately claimed Mr. Roh was being hauled in to silence him. Media reports had suggested Mr. Roh would be called for questioning later this week.

Mr. Roh arrived at the prosecutor general's office at mid-afternoon Thorsday in a black limousine looking relaxed and wearing a stight

He marched through the revolving doors of the high rise prosecution building in a Seoul suburb with bis aides at this side and brushed past a crowd of



Former South Korean President Roh Tae-Woo walks into the prosecutor general's office Wednesday after being summoned for a second time to answer questions on the \$650 million slush fund he has admitted ammass-

about 200 reporters at the month, Mr. Roh, 62, conentrance without saying a

Mr. Roh's top aide Tuesday said the ex-president had threatened to reveal the names of politicians who dipped into his slush money in 1992 if he was resummoned.

The information could be political dynamite since the biggest onestion surrounding the scandal is whether Mr. Kim took money from Mr. Roh. The president has denied taking "a single cent" but opinion polls show most Korean think he

In a tearful confession last

ing while in office from 1987 to 1993 (AFP photo)

fessed to plundering \$654 million from husiness groups for a political war chest during bis 1988-93 term in office. Since his first summons

this month heads of more than 30 business conglomarates have been questioned and prosecutors say they have evidence some of them gave bribes to Mr. Rob, setting the stage for his criminal prosecution.

Prosecutors have been quoted as saying they now know where most of Mr. Roh's illicit wealth came from hut are still trying to track down the rest. The Seoul Stock Index

937.04, partly because of worries about the damage Mr. Rob could inflict on business tycoons if he tells

During his last questioning Mr. Roh stonewalled. saying he wanted to protect

Opposition leader Kim Dae-Jung bas already confessed to accepting several million dollars from Mr. Roh, badly tarnishing his image. His National Congress for New Politics urged Mr. Roh to come clean during his latest

"As an apology to the public for what he did as expresident, he must tell the truth," it said in a statement. Mr. Rob's earlier-thanexpected summons was to keep Rob's mouth shut", the statement said.

Mr. Roh "must not bow to threats from the Democratic Liberal Party," it said, referring to President Kim's rul-

ing party.
South Korea's Justice Minister Ahn Woo-Mahn Monday ordered the probe into the bankrolling of the 1992 vote.

Mr. Rob's former chief bodyguard Lee Hyun-Woo, a middleman in belping Mr. Roh build up bis slush fund, was also called in for questioning Wednesday for the fifth time.

The head of Sammi Group and vice-chairman of Woosung Construction were also summoned Wednesday.

Prosecutors bad also started to tighten the case around Mr. Roh's close family and relatives. His brother was summoned and. according to news reports, prosecutors were planning to call in his wife and son.

Gunman

Britain's Prince Charles, who celebrated his 47th birthday Tuesday, discusses with a young student at the International School in Potsdam, Germany, his school autumn project during a visit to Schliss Cecilienhof. Meanwhile in England it was revealed that Prince Charles' estranged wife Princess Diana is to appear in a solo TV interview for the first time to give her version of events that broke down their marriage (AFP

Diana causes furore over TV show

LONDON (R) - Buckingham Palace's fury at a television interview in which Princess Diana is expected to disclose secrets of ber marriage break-up with Prince Charles grabbed front-page headlines Wed-

The hour-long interview, filmed in secret and due to be screened by the BBC Monday, was widely seen as an act of revenge on her estranged busband, the heir to the British throne, wbo admitted 18 months ago he had been unfaithful to her.

With tabloids such as the Daily Mirror asking whether Princess Diana had gone mad, more seriousminded newspapers such as the Guardian and the Independent, which traditionally shuns stories on the royals, gave it front-page

treatment. Focusing on how Princess Diana broke protocol by arranging the interview without consulting Buckingham Palace, the Daily Telegraph headlined its editorial Behind the

Queen's Back. The Sun reported on Buckingham Palace's rage the bighly flammable House of Windsor with her no-holds-barred interview. Royal Family At War,

front page.

The Mirror even accused Princess Diana of verging on treason, which is still punishable by death in

Britain.

hand?" asked the Daily Mail. "Charles's friends hit back bitterly after the princess stages ber extraor-dinary secret TV interview coup.

In short, Britaio could talk of nothing else but the secrets Princess Diana was likely to reveal in the programme taped at apartments in Kensington Palace.

Prince Charles himself spoke openly about his trou-bled life in his television documentary last year, a risky hid to win public approval in which be admitted committing adultery once bis marriage failed.

News of Princess Diana's interview, conducted in bighly controversial fashion without Buckingham Palace consent, was released with calculated timing Tuesday as Prince Charles celebrated his 47th birthday.

The timing appeared to prove her desire to hit back at the balding, middle-aged man who friends say has made ber life a misery.

Prince Charles and Princess Diana have broken many royal rules since their fairytale wedding, seen around the world, shrivelled as the glamorous princess into a loveless marriage that ignited "Di-namite" under officially broke up in late officially broke up in late

Much is at stake for 34year-old Diana, who is increasingly portrayed as a Today announced on its . flighty young woman while Prince Charles has chiselled out a life as a serious, if quirky, king-in-waiting.

The two now keep separate courts, even though they come together occa-

The BBC said the interview with Panorama, a respected current affairs show, would delve into all the murky corners of her tife "including her family,

her separation and her future plans". It is expected to draw millions of viewers. The queen, for one. will not be watching, said the

palace. Despite stringent security at the BBC, the Sun said it had learnt of the programme's contents and that Princess Diana would answer many of the royal watchers' burning ques-

"I am not desperate or pushing for a divorce," the Sun quoted Princess Diana as saying in the interview. Both royals have been linked with other partners - Princess Diana bas forged a string of friendships with married men

while Prince Charles has been tied to old flame Camilla Parker Bewles but nobody knows if the couple plan to formalise their separation. As for herself, Princess

Diana is quoted as saying her controversial friendship with England rugby union "innocent" despite claims it killed bis marriage.

"I have never been stronger," Princess Diana reportedly says as commentators avidly await the spec-tacle of the fetching princess using words rather than pictures to sell her side

Don Hutchings were taken

hostage in July while on

Himalayan trekking holi-

days. A fifth, Norwegian

Hans Christian Ostroe, was

found beheaded on Aug. 13.

a note that threatened to kill

the other hostages if India

did not meet Al-Faran's

demands within two days.

But the deadline, as well as

others, passed with no

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Al-Faran, one of several

guerrilla groups waging a separatist war in mainly

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Osaka offers 'APEC specials' but beware pitfalls

OSAKA, Japan (R) ~ APEC-mania bas even spread to Osaka's entertainment district. When the serious business of negotiating Asia-Pacific free trade is over each day, delegates to this year's annual gathering of the APEC forum in Osaka need only walk 10 minntes to a neonlii collection of restaurants bars, massage bonses and pinball parlours to unwind However, there are some traps for the unwary. One massage bonse prondly displayed a sign outside reading "one dollar for 40 minutes". The eatch is when the time comes to pay the bill. Foreign currency is not accepted and the bouse exchange rate is 10,000 Yen to the dollar compared with the dollar's real value at present of around 100 Yen.

Chinese student offered free plastic surgery

SHANGHAI (R) - A Chinese student who was nearly deprived of a higher education because of his ugly face has been offered free plastic surgery by a Sbanghai clinic, the Wen Hui Bao daily reported Yang Hongwei achieved high grades in a university entrance examination this year but was repeatedly refused admittance to colleges because his face was ill-proportioned and looked weird. Lanzbou University in northwest China finally accepted him after widespread media coverage of bis dilemma. The Wen Hui Bao said the Shanghai clinic bad offered him free surgery to help him overcome his inferiority complex and psychological distress caused by his ugliness, the paper said.

Cyprus pensioner behind bars over fruit row

NICOSIA (R) --- A Cypriot who tried to stop a pension-er stealing fruit from a carob tree was hit over the head by the thief with a crowbar and then, after staggering to a nearby motorway, was struck by a car, police said. The 27year-old victim is in critical condition with head injuries. His ordeal started when he found the 70-yearold taking carobs, which are a substitute for chocolate, from bis trees and demanded that he stop. The older man hit him with an iron bar and, when he tried to call police on a mobile telepbone, hit him again. Reaching the motorway, the victim was struck by a passing car. The pensioner is in custody on suspicion of attempted murder.

Children's character Noddy up for sale in Britain

LONDON (R) - The copyright to the works of children's author Enid Blyton, creator of the characters Noddy and Big Ears, was put up for sale, with pundits expecting it to fetch a multi-million dollar figure. Accountants price waterbouse said it invited offers for Darrell Waters Ltd, which owns the copyright, and whose major shareholders are descendants of the British author. lt said a number of major media companies had already expressed an interest in acquiring it.

Actress-model released from hospital

WASHINGTON (AFP) -Actress-model Anna Nicole Smith was released
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6 more Russians Chechenya

MOSCOW (AFP) — Chechen separatists have killed six Russian soldiers and wounded nine in Chechen- lages of Alkhan Yurt, Russian military command and Gekhi, ITAR-TASS in the breakaway Caucasus republic said Wednesday.

The command, cited by ITAR-TASS news agency. said two Russian soldiers and a policeman were killed in a grenade attack Tuesday near Alkhan Yurt, some 12 kilometres southwest of the Checben capital Grozny. Six soldiers were wounded in the attack.

Checben separatists also killed two Russian transport policemen at a railway station in Gudermes, 35 kilometres east of Grozny, the

CANBERRA (R) — Canadian Prime Minis-

ter Jean Cbretien, bat-

tling an ongoing seces-

sionist movement in

Quebec province, said

Wednesday he did not

want to open another trouble front by pushing

"I have other problems

at this moment." Mr.

Chretien said after talks

with Australian Prime

Minister Paul Keating,

who wants Australia to

become a republic by

"I have to deal with

problems in Quebec.

with those wbo want to

separate. I don't want to

have the monarchists on

my back, too," Mr.

Voters in French-speaking Quebec last

month narrowly voted

against seceeding from

Canada, by the wafer-thin margin of 50.56 per

Mr. Chretien said he

had closely followed

Australia's republican

debate. Australia and

Canada, both members

of the British Common-

wealth, have parliamen-

tary systems but retain

Britain's Queen Eliza-

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Chretien said.

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command said.

Fighting was most intense near the southwestern vilreported. adding that Russian troops also came under fire in Grozny.

Officials loyal to Chechen independence leader Dzhokhar Dudavev said earlier that Russian forces killed two Checben civilians and wounded three others in the rebel-held villages Achkhoi-Martan, Orekhovo and Stary Ach-

khoi Tuesday. The sources, cited by Interfax News Agency, said Russian artillery forces had opened fire 49 times in the

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ty, an independence of

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The villages of Dargo and Benoi in the southeastern district of Vedeno also came nger nre, me omerais adding that Russian helicopter gunships carried out four attacks in the Achkhoi-Martan and Shali areas.

There was no independent confirmation of the casualty figures. A demilitarisation accord signed on July 30 has been frequently violated by both sides.

Around 30,000 people, mostly civilians, bave been killed since December, Russian troops when launched an air and ground blitz against Chechen independence fighters.

"I make no comment about it," he told reporters after meeting

Mr. Chretien said he

was not briefed on the

daily operations of

Canada's spy agencies but added: "They have

A former spy with Canada's electronic

espionage agency, the Communications

Security Establishment

(CSE), said in a televi-

sion interview Sunday

that Canada had spied on friendly countries, including Mexico. Japan

CSE specialises in

Mexico and Japan

have reportedly lodged

official protests with

Asked how he would

respond. Mr. Chretien

said: "I don't know if it's

true or not true, that's

Mr. Chretien is due to

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kills Taiwanese politician

TAIPEI, Taiwan (AP) - A gunman shot and killed a Taiwanese politician Wednesday, sparking fears of social disorder ahead of legislative elections in December.

Police said an unidentified man fired five shots at Wu Ho-Sung, the speaker of the Kaobsiung County Council in southern Taiwan, as he returned to his car after attending a friend's funeral.

Mr. Wu, 43, was shot in the chest and head, possibly with a pistol, and was pronounced dead in a nearby hospital, police said.

Wang Chun-Sheng, a Kaohsiung police chief. said there was no evidence linking the murder to the upcoming election. But Taiwan television station said there was widespread speculation that the killing was politically motivated.

Mr. Wu wielded great influence in Kaohsiung politics and bad campaigned for ruling Nationalist Party candidates contesting the Dec. 2

The suspected gunman fled in a car and police were questioning Mr. Wn's colleagues and relatives for clues to his identity.

Mr. Wu, a Nationalist, was the first local councillor to be killed so close to an election. He was first elected to the

council in 1982 and became speaker in 1994 after four years as vice speaker.

Interior Minister Huang Kun-Huei said last week that police would step up security measures for the election. Some Taiwanese politi-

cians are suspected of having links with organised criminal gangs who mobilise voters and financial support. The government has urged voters not to back candidates suspected of having links with

"Deceitful and under- sionally for the sake of their of the story. 2 Kashmir hostages are sick — captors

SRINAGAR, India (R) -Two of four Western still bent upon delaying the hostages being held captive by Al-Faran guerrillas since early July in India's troubled state of Jammu and Kashmir are sick and one of them is struggling for life, the captors said.

A handwritten statement given to newspapers in Srinagar, summer capital of the state, similar in style and writing to earlier ones also delivered to the media, said the Indian government would be responsible if any of the sick bostages die.

"Two of the four hostages in custody have been sick for the last two weeks. One of them is struggling for life although we offered substantive talks on this to the (Indian) government," the statement in Urdu language said of talks resumed last

matter," the statement said. "Al Faran wants to make it clear that if one of them dies, the government will be solely responsible." It did not identify the sick. Indian officials said they resumed contact Monday

with Al- Faran by radio and telephone. Talks were resumed the previous Monday after a 52-day gap. A state government spokesman said if the hostages were sick, it was the moral responsibility of

Al-Faran to free them. "We have offered them medical help anywhere, anytime," he said.

them on humanitarian basis," he told Reuters. Keith Mangan, German

"We appeal to the captors to see reason and release

Britons Paul Wells and

10 release some 15 jailed colleagues, including some foreigners. India says it can free

"It (the government) is Dirk Hasert and American

Kashmiri prisoners as part of a routine review of status but not foreigners.

Chinese dissident to settle in Taiwan

TAIPEI (AFP) — Authori-ties here Wednesday app
Lu to settle here because he faces political persecution roved an application by a former pro-democracy sup-porter in China to settle in Taiwan, a move expected to further sour relations with the mainland.

Lu Guangwu, 47, a former chief justice of a district court in Guiyang in the Chinese province of Guizhou, will be allowed to live in Taiwan, said Kao Koong-Lian, vice chairman of the Mainland Affairs Council, the island's top mainland policy planning body.

"After checking, we have verified his status, and found his application to settle bere meets our requirements," Mr. Kao said,

on the mainland. Mr. Lu bad raised funds to

support pro-democracy dissidents in China around the time of the massacre of prodemocracy demonstrators by Chinese troops in Beijing's Tiananmen Square on June 4, 1989, Mr. Kao said.

He also helped organise a pro-democracy group and founded a magazine to promote human rights and freedom, Mr. Kao noted. Mr. Kao. however, did not

say whether Mr. Lu had been wanted in China, or wbether he had already sneaked out of China and applied to settle here from overseas.

The move is expected to

further irritate China wbose relations with Taiwan have dropped to their lowest level since the June visit to the United States hy Taiwanese President Lee Teng-Hui.

Beijing, which considers Taiwan a rebel province. has seen that trip as an attempt to promote Taiwan's independence. It has retaliated by suspending high-level, semi-official talks with China and conducting two rounds of missile tests near the island.

Taiwan and China separated after the end of the Chinese Civil War in 1949, but Beijing has repeatedly warned that it will invade Taiwan should the island declare independence.

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Docking occurred right on time - 1:27 a.m. est (0627 GMT) - easing the tension in space and on the ground. A collision could have breached the two pres-

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docking Wednesday's hinged on Commander Cameron, a three-time space flier, Marine and former test international space station, pilot.

Like the first docking hy huge TV screens at the Atlantis in June, this one required perfect timing, perfect speed and perfect alignment. Commander Cameron could not see the end of his docking port while closing in on the sprawling, Mr. Hadfield was the key 120-plus-ton station, howpluyer Tuesday, deftly lift- ever, and had to rely on remote camera views, radar

Sri Lanka claims more rebel deaths; puts off polls

COLOMBO (R) — Closing councils, set up to devolve two army divisions making in on the rebel stronghold of power to minority Tamils parallel advances on Jaffna Jaffna, Sri Lanka's army and meet their demands for Wednesday claimed more autonomy, have been heavy Tamil Tiger guerrilla repeatedly postponed due to casualties and the government put off local polls in the Tamil region hy up to a

The army said Tamil Tiger intercepted indicated the rebels took a beating in battles with thousands of troops closing io on Jaffna

The Tamil Tigers, fighting since 1983 for a Tamil homeland in the island's north and east in a war that has taken 50,000 lives, claimed they killed several soldiers and damaged an army hattle tank in frontal and flank assaults Tuesday. While the fighting raged,

the presidential secretarian said in a statement Wednesday that provincial council polls in the east scheduled for Thursday had

been postponed by a year. Similiar elections in the northern province, due in February, had been put off till December 1996, it said. Elections for the two

No

candidates

emerge yet

in Haiti

elections

PORT-AU-PRINCE (R) —

Supporters of President Jean-Bertrand Aristide

have become increasingly

insistent that he be allowed

to run for re-election next

month despite a constitu-

tional ban on a second

A day before a midnight

Wednesday deadline, Mr.

Aristide's Lavalas Party

had still not named a candi-

date for the Dec. 1/ elec-

tion, but whomever Mr.

Aristide names is expected

to win easily. A receot

wave of violent protest has

strengthened popular sup-

port for the president.

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the presence of the rebels, who control much of the north and are active in the

The International guerrilla radio traffic it Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), a day after pulling out of beleagured Jaffna City, appealed Wednesday to the government and guerrillas to protect the few civilians left in the rebel

stronghold.

"We are appealing to everyone that if some combat is going to take place, all precautions are taken in order to protect the few civilians left," Gerard Peytrignet, ICRC's head of delegation for Sri Lanka, told Reuters television.

The government has said it was sending stocks of food, medicine and roofing material for refugees from the fighting — estimated to be between 300,000 and 400,000 - with the belp of local and foreign aid agen-

A military spokesman said controls the northern sub-

parallel advances on Jaffna resumed their push at dawn Wednesday.

Rebel casualties, dead and wounded, were expected to be high in Tuesday's fighting as the army advanced against rebel resistance using heavy artillery and tank support, he said.

"(Rebel radio) transmissions monitored indicated that terrorists suffered heavy casualties," be said. Troops were progressing southwards cautiously due to enemy mines and moderate resistance. Terrorists' beavy machine gun and mortar fire delayed the advance for a few hours."

One soldier was killed and 32 were wounded in the action. The military said the

Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) rebels launched a flank attack with mortars and machine guns from across a shallow lagoon on troops of 51 division, advancing on the eastern axis, to stall the army's advance, The army, which now

long offensive, captured the LTTE's main political headquarters on the outskirts of the town Monday.

The army's Divisioo, moving on the western flank, captured a large rebel training camp in the suburb of Urumpirai, about five kilometres northeast of Jaffna City.

Travellers from Jaffna said the army Tuesday captured the suburh of Thinnaveli 1.6 kilometres from the town ceotre. "The LTTE forces inter-

cepted the Sri Lankan forces as Kondavil and Irupalai (Monday)," an LTTE statement from London said. "In the battle that followed a Sri Lankan battle tank was damaged and several soldiers were killed." Seveo rebels died in the action,

The ICRC pulled out of Jaffna Tuesday to Point Pedro, 50 kilometres away, saying Jaffna was about to become a major battleground between the guerrillas and government troops.

Pro-Abacha demonstrations spread in Nigeria

with

ON THE CAMPAIGN TRAIL: Russian Prime Minister Victor Chernomyrdin (left) shakes hands with soldiers of

the Tulskaya Paratrooper Division during his visit to the Tula region. Mr. Chernomyrdin, the leader of Our Home

Grachev: Russia not ready to meet CFE obligations

LAGOS (R) — Demonstrators took to the streets in several Nigerian states in support of the emhattled government of military ruler General Sani Abacha, local media reported Wednesday.

not ready to carry out oblig-

ations under the Conven-

tional Forces in Europe

(CFE) pact with the west

because this would ruin

Moscow's defence capabili-

ty, Defence Minister Pavel

"We are not ready at pre-

sent to carry out provisions

of the treaty. This especially

Grachev said Wednesday.

People in northern Nigeria said anti-Western feelings were running high in the government's face-off with the international community over the execution last Friday of nine minority rights activists including writer Ken Saro-Wiwa.

State television said that in Makurdi, central Nigeria, hundreds of people carrying. placards marched through the main streets Tuesday chanting slogans against

The independent Guardian newspaper said similar protests, which started in llorin, central Nigeria and Calabar in the southeast Monday, had spread to Kaduna, Niger and Katsina states in the north and Edo state in the mid-west.

"There haven't been any ngly incidents but people are saying Britain and America don't like Nigeria and we should retaliate,"

GENEVA (AP) - War,

atrocities and persecutioo

have forced a record 50 mil-

lion people from their

homes around the world,

the U.N. High Commission-

er for Refugees (UNHCR)

But the nature of the

world's refugee problem is

changing, with displaced

people increasingly staying

in their own countries, the

agency said in a report the

The number of people

classed as refugees - a sta-

tus technically accorded

only to displaced people

outside their home country -

has actually declined to

14.4 million from to peak

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But the number of inter-

SPACE CENTRE, Houston

(AP) — Astronauts guided

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Is Rossia party, was campaigning for the parliamentary elections (AFP photo)

MOSCOW (R) - Russia is concerns flank limitations," struggling to find a compro-

"If we carry out the treaty

he told a news conference.

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ly rule out the possibility of

maintaining a minimum of

security," Gen. Grachev

The 1990 CFE treaty

faces a Nov. 17 deadline for

Russia and the West still

implementation,

Nigerian rights groups and many ordinary people have condenmned the hangings. The pro-government demonstrations looked similar to protests organised hy Gen. Abacha supporters in the past to show solidarity whenever his administration is in trouble.

There has been no easing of pressure on the west African nation since Saro-Wiwa and his associates were hanged after the govemment ratified the death sentence on them hy a tribunal for last year's murder of four pro-government Ogoni tribal chiefs.

Commonwealth, The mit in Auckland in New Zealand at the time, immediately suspended Nigeria's membership and said it would face expulsion unless it cleaned up its human rights record and released other political prisoners.

Wellington, New Zealand Prime Minister Jim Bolger and South African President Nelson Mandela Wednesday stepped up the pressure by raising the issue

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In fact, Africa has 6.7 mil-

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mally displaced has skyrock- Europe. Africa also has the return of 9 million years.

hard hit as well.

cally," UNHCR said.

civilian casualties,

Although the number of

reported in 1993.

said Aminu Ahubakar, a of oil sanctions with British oil giant Shell Tuesday

security.

mise on what was initially

regarded as the cornerstone

of post-cold war European

For the past two years

Moscow has pushed for

changes to the treaty

because it wants to deploy

more military hardware on

its northern and southern

flanks than the treaty

Major by telephone and

retaliation.

Nigerian media have also on Britain.

1.7 million.

pened."

UNHCR: 50 million forced from homes worldwide

eted. The total number more internally displaced uprooted has increased six people under UNHCR's

Prime Minister John Major. Mr. Mandela told reporters they had contacted Mr.

would try to talk to U.S. President Bill Clinton this weekend to discuss the "It is easy for us who are not involved in any trade

with Nigeria to insist, as I tried to do this morning with John Major, that he is the person who can actually tighten the squeeze around Nigeria hy adopting oil sanctions," he said. Britain exported more

\$700 million) worth of goods to Nigeria last year, ahead with a \$4 billion liqaccording to British emhas-British High Commissioner to Nigeria Thorold

than £450 million (about

Masefield has been recalled home as have been many other envoys in Lagos. Nigeria has similarly re-called its amhassadors in The government and

launched hlistering attacks government, Anglo-Dutch activists.

care — two million — than

any other continent. Asia

has 1.8 million and Europe

"The end of the cold war

generated a strong sense of

optimism about the interna-

tional refugee situation," the report said. "With the

rivalry of the superpowers

over, it was thought, many

conflicts would be resolved.

... In the event, almost pre-

cisely the opposite has hap-

But with the end of the

cold war, the world's view

of national sovereignty

changed, and the United

Nations has increasingly

been able to help displaced

people in their own coun-

The picture also has

hrightened since 1990 by

tries, the report said.

rejected calls to shut its huge operations in Nigeria because of the hangings. Shell is the biggest oil

NATO

offered

September to go some way

to meet Russia's demands,

exempting some Russian

flank zones in the north and

south from treaty limits. But

Russia wants more conces-

sions, especially on its

southern border in the

volatile Caucasus region.

company in Nigeria, employing thousands of people and pumping half the country's crude oil output of two million harrels per day, the economy's lifehlood.

"Shell Nigeria remains firmly committed to the long-term future of the country," Brian Anderson, the Shell Petroleum Development Company of Nigeria's chief executive told a news conference Tuesday. Mr. Anderson confirmed

that Shell wanted to go uefied natural gas project,

Saro-Wiwa and his associates were found guilty of the murder last year of four pro-government Ogoni leaders and were hanged despite worldwide appeals for clemency. The government of Gen.

Abacha, who seized power in a military coup in the 1993, defended the action; saying they were "murder-In a boost to the military ers" not human rights

refugees to their homes -

in places like Mozambique.

Central America and

countries it cited are:

Among the major problem

- The republics of for-

mer Yugoslavia, where 3.7

people have been displaced

or otherwise affected by

- Rwanda and Burundi,

where more than 2 million

refugees are part of the

largest concentration of dis-

placed people in the world.

former Soviet Union,

including Armenia, Azer-

baijan and Georgia, with 1.5

- Some 2.5 million Af-

ghan refugees remain in

Pakistan and Iran even

though 3 million have gone

home during the past three

million people displaced.

- Caucasian states of the

Cambodia.

At least six people have been killed since nationwide street protests erupted Saturday when Mr. Aristide delivered an angry speech at the funeral of his cousin, slain lawmaker Jean-

Hubert Feuille. What began as a citizen's disarmament campaign soon gave way to generalised protests as many Aristide supporters hurled angry threats at any candidate who might come forward to succeed him.

In the provincial city of Gonaives, where four people died in protests, residents took to the streets again Tuesday to demand that U.N. soldiers "go home" for allegedly firing on a crowd of demonstra-

A U.N. spokesman said peacekeepers fired twice in the air Monday after four people died in rioting. Another 34 people were injured in the melee that left army supporters tied up and a dozen huildings razed.

"We want Aristide forever. If any candidate tries to take Arisitide's place, he will die and there will be a revolution. We have our leader already," said Francky Joseph, 28.

Joseph, who conducted

weapons searches at a barricade made of burning tires last weekend, said no candidate - even one endorsed by Aristide would be acceptable. There is no one else who can lead Haiti besides president Aristide," he said.

Haitian law forhids a president from seeking consecutive terms. But many Aristide supporters say he was cheated out of more than half of his fiveyear term by a 1991 military coup that toppled him from power. Mr. Aristide was reinstated one year ago with the help of international military forces.

Nepal authorities call off avalanche rescue despite reports of missing

KATHMANDU (AFP) -Nepalese authorities called off rescue operations Wednesday in the country's worst avalanche disaster in history despite reports that many more were missing. "As of today, all rescue

operations will be stopped hut will be resumed if requested by the families of the missing or dead trekkers," said Lieutenant Colonel Bal Bahadur Thapa, head of the rescue opera-

Asked about an Italian Foreign Ministry statement from Rome which said 114 Italians remained missing, Col. Thapa said, "They may have come to Nepal for trekking hut we have no record on them so no comment."

A series of weekend avalanches near Mount Everest has left more than 50 people dead hy official count, hut the unofficial toll from var-

Rescuers Wednesday evacuated an additional 76 people, bringing the total number of people rescued since the weekend to 517, including 238 foreigners.

"We combed the Everest region to the Kanchanjunga foothills in the far northeast and Dhaulagiri main peak areas in the northwest, hy air, covering a distance of 600 square kilometres (240 ious rescue sources is more square miles)," Col. Thapa

Georgian warlord held on gun charges

parliamentary immunity drugs in his office. after an election defeat was arrested hy police early Wednesday on gun and drug charges, the prosecutor's office said.

Dzhaba Ioseliani, whom authorities suspect of involvement in an assassination attempt against Georgian President Eduard Shevardnadze, was arrested

at his country house at 3

A former Shevardnadze ally, Mr. loseliani was considered the second most powerful person in Georgia before be lost his parliament seat in elections on Nov. 5.

The prosecutor general issued a warrant for Mr. Ioseliani's arrest the day after the Aug. 29 car bomb attack against

TBILISI (AP) — A once- a.m. hy police who said Shevardnadze, who barely powerful warlord who lost they had found guns and escaped with his life in the explosion.

> But Mr. loseliani, who enjoyed immunity, from prosecution as a lawmaker in this former Soviet republic, remained at large until his arrest on drug and gun charges.

Mr. Ioseliani, 69, has denied any involvement in the attack on Mr. Mr. Shevardnadze.









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A matter of urgency

THE INTERNATIONAL Court of Justice has recently started deliberations on the legality of the use of nuclear weapons. Thanks to the World Health Organisation (WHO), which brought up the subject before the court for a legal opinion three years ago, the international community could soon have the benefit of a verdict by the international tribunal on a matter that has threatened the very existence of mankind. While nuclear powers insist that the deployment of nuclear weapons does not violate international law, non-nuclear states are united in their quest for total prohibition of the use or stockpiling of all nuclear arms. This division is understood given the vested interest of the nuclear powers in the development, possession and use of nuclear arms. With the world court on the verge of rendering a declamatory judgement, the comity of nations on both sides of the fence is poised to benefit from any such legal opinion.

The WHO, however, is not the first international organisation to raise the issue. The International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) in Geneva has long led a campaign to declare the deployment of nuclear bombs as contrary to the relevant Geneva Conventions of 1949. The ICRC concern was given an added expression during the Diplomatic Conference in the late seventies that articulated and adopted the two Additional Protocols to the Geneva Conventions. Given the wide interpretation accorded to the these international humanitarian norms as outlawing the resort to nuclear weapons during war, major nuclear powers have refrained from ratifying the first additional protocol for fear that their adherence to it would deprive them from the option to deploy nuclear and thermonuclear bombs in war.

There is no doubt, therefore, that the WHO has picked up where the ICRC has left off and the two international bodies are united in the effort to declare the use of such mass destruction weapons as unlawful under current international humanitarian law. There is no doubt also that all mass destruction weapons including nuclear, biological and chemical ones are illegal since they do not discriminate between combatants and civilians. The nature and scope of all these weapons is such that their use should be viewed as anathema to all humanitarian principles.

Hopefully, the world court will put this issue to rest by declaring all nuclear weapons illegal. Most probably, though, the court would tread a fine line by making a distinction between tactical and strategic nuclear bombs, legalising the first but outlawing the latter. Since a declaratory judgement is by nature non-binding, the deep division within the international community is likely to persist no matter how the court goes on this

ARABIC PRESS COMMENTARIES

UNDAUNTED BY the assassination of Israel's Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and the acts of terrorists groups in Israel, the peace process will go ahead, said a columnist in AJ Ra'i Wednesday. Similarly, the forces of darkness and instigators of street violence and the powers behind them in the Arab World will not be able to prevent Jordan from seizing the opponunity in seeking progress in the era of peace, neither will these forces stop the Palestinians from pursuing their efforts towards building a Palestinian state after the withdrawal of Israeli forces, said Sultan Al Hattab. Referring to the withdrawal by Israeli forces from Jenin, the writer said that it was a step in the long march for freedom for all the Palestinian Iowns, something Ihai was not to the taste of extremists in Israel or those Arabs who displayed pessimism over the Oslo agreement. He said some forces hostile to peace on the Arab side are frustrated with the gradual establishment of security and stability, and could resort to instigation of violence and cause internal disturbances because the peace situation is not in their own

YASSER ZAATRE, a columnist in Al Dustour, discussed the situation in South Lebanon where resistance groups continue the war on the Israeli occupation forces, and paid tribute to those who, he said, are trying to liberate their lands. Discounting a widespread belief that the Lebanese resistance is merely a tool in the hands of the Syrians in their negotiations with Israel, the writer said even if this is true fighting off the occupation forces in Lebanon is an honourable act, to liberate the southern sector of the country, which is no less important than the Golan Heights.

The View from Academia

By Dr. Ahmad Y. Majdoubeh

A birthday wish: The best Jordanian is a blest Jordanian

HIS MAJESTY King Hussein's speech last week, addressed not only to those attending but to the nation at large and to nations beyond, is essentially about self-recognition. Literally and metaphorically, explicitly and by implication, the address, which reflects a great deal of subtlety and foresight, is extremely rich and telling in its assessment of the status quo and sense of what ought to be done. Ultimately, however, it is an appeal to Jordanians to be a little more aware of what has been and is happening, a little more appreciative, and a little more expressive and assertive. And this is not too much to ask.

Self-recognition is a rich and complex concept, of course. One of its many meanings, a meaning brought home to each and every one of us once a year at least on the auspicious occasion of His Majesty's birthday, has to do with appreciation of achievement. The King's birthday is 'auspicious," I say, and special not only because it is significantly the both but, more interestingly I, believe, because it is in many ways the birthday of the nation itself. The King has been forcefully present (and we hope he will continue to be so for a long time to come) since Jordan's independence, i.e. since its birth. The life of the country and the life of the King are, then, so interconnected and so intertwined that it is extremely hard to separate one from the other; and much of what we enjoy as Jordanians today, and what some of us take for granted, is a direct outcome of His Majesty's profound vision, his dedication to the mission, his wise leadership and his diligent efforts, with the active participation of his ever able and ever reliable assistant and partner, the Crown Prince. This is a fact we

Since the birth of modern Jordan, not much more than half a century ago, a great deal bas bappened. The story of Jordan will go down in the bright pages of history as a country which has fought against all odds (geographic, demographic, political, historical, social, cultural, economic, etc) not only to survive and stand on its feet firmly, but also to flourish, prosper and be a real example for others in

the region and beyond. The achievements are immense, and one can bardly do ustice to them here. Be it at the concrete, somewhat platant level or at a more refined and subtle level, they are there speaking for themselves. Today, Amman and the other Jordanian towns and cities are a lot cleaner, healthier, more liveable and more beautiful not only than they were 20 or even 10 years ago but also than most towns and cities in the region. There is bardly any village in the Kingdom (as small as 10 or 15 houses) without water and electricity, without a school and a clinic, and without a reasonable network of roads. Our educational system, be it at the school or university level, is decidedly more liberal, more open-minded, more experimental, more flexible and more effective and successful than nearly all systems in the neighbouring countries (despite our natural criticisms and reservations about it). The introduction of democracy to the country, and the speed with which it has been' implemented, is surely a gigantic step; even though it bas not evolved to reach the level we all aspire and even though many among us still gravely misunderstand it and abuse it (and this is all normal, for democracy is a process not a fixed system which can be applied and made perfect overnight), it has so far been working. Compare our political system at this particular moment in bistory with those in most (if not all) our sister countries and neighbours, many of whose governments still practice you all know what. Jordan's role in the peace process (be it with respect to the peace agreement with Israel or with respect to the gracious stance and support of the Palestinian brethren) is extremely enlightened, constructive and ele-

One ought not to be ungrateful. Positive moves, steps, decisions and achievements have to be duly recognised.

And I believe that every sensible, reasonable, commonsensical, realistic, intelligent and (above all) honest citizen in this nation must and does recognise.

But self-recognition also means understanding and awareness. Semantically, this is what the word "appreciation" also denotes. To "recognise" or "appreciate" is to truly comprehend, to see, and to feel the worth and value oI something. Hence when we teach literary "appreciation" courses at our schools or universities, this is what we bave in mind. The question to raise here is, how many people truly recognise, aptly understand and duly appreciate (three mental processes extremely dependent one on the other, respectively) the happenings, changes, developments and achievements we are witnessing today? I say "truly," "aptly" and "duly." The answer is, very few. The point to emphasise bere is that while we have made great strides, taken big steps and achieved much to be proud of, we largely lack and miss the fitting and due recognition and appreciation of such strides, steps and achievements.

His Majesty is right to be upset and angry with those who take each and every opportunity to underrate, underestimate, undervalue and trivialise what Jordan has accomplished — the "mice" who are out to annoy, subvert and sabotage. No society in today's world, including the most liberal and democratic, tolerates extremists, isolationists, secessionists and "enemies of life." But one is also upset and angry with those among us (equally subversive and destructive) who underrate, underestimate, undervalue and trivialise our accomplishments when they are supposed to be, expected to be, and required to be doing just the

Let me illustrate through drawing on an analogy from literature. We all know the difference between poet and critic. The first produces a primary text which we call a poem; the other produces a secondary text which we call a critical essay. The poem in itself is beautiful, great, and super; but when the critics (the good critic, that is) writes his piece on it, it looks more beautiful, greater and superior. As a result, the reader understands it more, appreciate it more and recognises its value and worth much more aptly and duly. While the greatest contribution goes to the poet, the critic nonetheless plays the crucial role of bringing it into life in the readers' mind. While some readers can understand the poem themselves, many depend on the critic to explain it. Jordan is the poem (created by its leadership and its people); the reader is the citizen (the so-called man in the street); and the critic is the teacher, the journalist, the media man, and everyone of us who is in a leading position. While Jordan as a poem is great, and while its citizen as a reader is honest and well-meaning; the failure in giving due appreciation is largely the critic's. If His Majesty vents a great deal of anger in the direction of the press and media; it is (in addition to giving ample room to some "mice" to gnaw and sabotage) because many of the "critics" (though by no means all) entrusted with explaining Jordan the "poem" fail to do so miserably. To put it more bluntly, many of our journalists, writers. TV presenters are shallow, superficial, hollow and boring. They themselves fail to understand and appreciate the exciting challenges of the times and the great breakthroughs and accomplishments. How can we expect them, alas, to excite and enlighten the man in the street who is so helplessly reliant on them Ior explanation and appreciation? We do a great deal of harm when we pay lip-service to our successes and achievements. They de-

serve better treatment. The third meaning of self-recognition is suggested in wbat I have already been saying; namely, sell-assessment and self-evaluation. This theme is strongly implicit in His Majesty's speech. We are at the threshold of a very exciting, very challenging and very new era? What are we to do to enable ourselves to live up to the challenge and rise to the occasion? What are our qualifications and what are our weaknesses? We must answer this question intelligently and honestly, if we are to thrive and excel, as I have faith

During the past two years, I have been writing in my humble column in the illustrious Jordan Times precisely on this particular question. I have said much about the qualifications and much about the weaknesses. II I were to restate briefly what I have stated about these matters, I would say that our qualifications lie in the excellent potential of our individual and in the liberalism and progressiveness of our political system. As for our weak-nesses, I would say that they boil down to mainly one: Mediocrity of performance. This is the monster from which many of our problems spring. When are we going to understand (truly understand) that one's worth is tied to one's performance, not to one's potential or to what one lhinks of one's self? Performance, ladies and gentlemen. It does not matter how much you have in your head, in your spirit, in your mind or in your pocket. What matters is what you do, what you produce, what you show.

His Majesty has the right to Ieel proud of his performance, and celebrate his birthday on this basis. The birthday present he expects from his people in this happy occasion is. I believe, simple: It is that each and every Jordanian does his work devotedly and efficiently, no more and no less. More than poems and songs on this happy occasion, we want deeds that speak louder than words. This is what belonging means, what patriotism is about and what true citizenship is. Let our motto be (a morto derived from the performance of His Majesty and His Royal Highness Crown Prince Hassan) in the days to come: The best leading is the about landering in the characteristics. Jordanian is the ablest Jordanian.

Peres is right to pursue security through peace

his own people as a visionary. But he is fully aware of brake, as the Israeli engine for peace chugged steadily the enormous extra difficulties he faces in the drive for forward. He produced the peace without his former ideas and diplomatic break-throughs, Mr. Rabin the essential domestic support rival and then political partner, the slain Yitzbak Rabin. His sturned face in the aftermath of the assassinaand confidence. In the near term, Israeli

borror and revulsion at the murder will reinforce his

efforts to gather the divided nation behind his unques-

tioned determination to ful-

fill the promise. He will be

the prime target of vitriolic

fanatics now.
It should help him that

the opposition offers just

that - opposition and dire

warnings, no real alterna-

go, however, too many ma-jor obstacles ahead for the

solidarity to distress to car-

ry him through. He will need belp to replace the reassorance that Mr.

Rabin's tough record and

rugged temperament pro-vided. It will need to come

not only from stricken

Israelis but also from Arab

leadership and the outside world, especially American

Syria's President Hafez

Assad told U.S. Secretary

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opher in Damascus recently

that Mr. Rabin was too

fearful of Israeli critics.

Last week showed Mr.

There is too much time to

tion showed it. There was shock and grief, but beyond that, in a man never accused of modesty, the kind of humble awe of unexpected responsibility ex-pressed by President Harry Truman taking over from Franklin D. Roosvelt, according to a new book based on Truman's letters and notes. This is not to compare the men but the situa-

By Flora Lewis

PARIS - Israel's acting

prime minister. Sbimon

Peres, has been derided by

when I saw him in Amman and again in Jerusalem recently, Mr. Peres was enphoric. He has clear ideas of how to forge abead, step by step although he canmly doesn't spell it out, and where be expects to arrive. He speaks of an essential triangle, Israel-Palestinians-Jordan. and he likes to use the metaphor of Benelux, three distinct cultures and countries living in fruitful sym-

But his biggest problem will be Israel, and that is wbat be bas suddenly had to realise. He has been the accelerator, Mr. Rabin the

Assad's underestimation of the risk and perhaps overestimation of the powers of a democratic leader, who must persuade as well as decide. Mr. Assad should reconsider, for be, too, stands to lose if the momentum is lost. The reflex reaction of

many moderate Arabs, who do want an accord, has been that the Israelis must move to crack down as hard on their own extremists and terrorists as they do on their Arab enemies. There is a point in noting that Israel applies a double standard, and its police and justice need to be stricter in imposing the law. But the indulgence stems from a long war and war's inevitable assumptions in defining

friend and foe. There are no more "good terrorists," and that must be proclaimed more unequivocally and effectively tban ever.

Egypt, which has been cool in recent years after having made the first peace with Israel, bas come to fear Israeli economic dominance. That is self-denying. Israel. flourishing now with growth rates on the order of 7 per cent, is already reap-ing a peace dividend from new investment and the opening of huge new mar-

kets in the once reluctant developing countries. The neighbour's new prosperity offers opportunities for Egypt, too.

President Hosni Mobarak, who went to Israel for the first time to attend Mr. Rabin's funeral, stressed that he came to offer condolence, not to visit. A warmer relation would comfort Israelis, and thus help Mr. Peres convince them that he is on the right track. The American government has not faltered in its support, but congressional ploys on moving the U.S. Embassy to Jerusalem and cutting off aid to the PLO are aimed only at domestic U.S. politics in the belief that American Jews essentially back Israeli hardliners.

There is an extremist fringe in the United States as fierce as Israeli extremists. But they are not the majority, which has been intimidated by the shrill voices of those who pretend to defend Israel by opposing peace negotiations. The others must make themselves beard iI they want Mr. Peres to succeed.

All of this is needed for more Israelis to take heart and see much morehope than danger in the course Mr. Rabin and Mr. Peres launched together, and to fill the vacuum of confidence left by Mr. Rabin's death. It is worth it, for all concerned.

International Herald Tri-

A mixed eight years for Tunisia's Ben Ali

By Abdelaziz Barrouhi Reuter

TUNIS — Democracy. modernisation. stability tbese words are familiar ones in the lexicon of Tunisian officials to describe the eight years since President Zine Al Abidine Ben Ali came to power.

And as Tuesday's anniversary of Ben Ali's arrival in office - known in Tunisia as "The November change" Tunisians and foreign diplomais have praised the stability of a country whose neighbours are violent Algeria and unpredictable

Tunisia is one of the International Monetary Fund's (IMF) favourites. A recent IMF report called the North African country "a prime example of the successful transformation of an economy from one beavily regulated by govemment to one based on market orientation..."

But Tunis-based diplomats and opposition leaders say a price has been paid for this stability and growth. namely that expectations for the development of an open political society have not been met.

"Tunisia became a modern country with a performing and open economy and industrial and political stability...," a West European ambassador told Reuters.

His only reservation, he added, was that the price of political stability had some-times been "some exces-

Ahead of the November 7 celebrations, Amnesty In-ternational said it was concerned by "serious and systematic human rights viola-

The London-based human rights organisation's concerns were fuelled by the crushing oI the country's fundamentalist movement in 1992 as well as by the arrest last month of Mohammad Moada, presint of the Democratic Socialists Movement

Mr. Moada was charged with having "secret ties" with a loreign country. Diplomats say that country is

Authorities bave also embarked this month on stripping the parliamentary immunity from one of Mr. Moada's lieutenants, Khemais Chammari, and has started legal proceedings gainst his wife, Alya Cher-

Both are accused of baying disclosed secrets of the investigation into Mr. Moada's case. Mr. Cherif is a member of the defence September 1

But Tunisian officials. stressing that their country is not yet "a perfect democracy." says such cases are not aimed against MDS activities but at individuals.

They add that in recent. years they have prosecuted bureaucrats guilty of human rights abuses and have made efforts to educate the police. "Between 1988 and

March 31, 1995, the justice ministry has registered 302 cases of (police) abuses..., and these statisties confirm that the system is fully committed to the respect of law. says Sadok says Šadok Chaabane, the justice minister who is also a professor of law.

"Critics, particularly in the West... look only at the empty half part of the glass, not at the full half," be adds in a new book entitled "Ben Ali's Way to Pluralism."

President Ben Ali. in a gesture characteristic of his rule, on Saturday kept alive bopes of change by pardoning Hamma Hammami and Mohammad Kilani, jailed left-wing leaders of the banned Tunisian Communist Workers' Party (POCT).

But officials make no secret oI their intention to keep a tight grip on power and to control the pace of democratic reforms to secure what they say is the country's stability and development in an unstable region.

They stress that the transition to democracy has already shown a significant result: For the first time in 1994, opposition won 19 seats in the 163-member parliament, and Mr. Ben Ali was reelected unopposed with the support of the seven legal, but weak, political parties and by all professional organisations.

LETTERS

Turkey uncompromising on Iraq's sovereignty

To the Editor:

IN THE article entitled "The spread of Kurdish nationalism: A new stage in its development," reprinted in the Jordan Times issue of Nov.9-10 from the Middle East International, Turkey is mentioned with several other countries in a manner which leaves doubt as to what our policy is. Turkish policy as regards Iraq and the PKK, is very clear, as stated in a recent speech to Parliament on Nov. 3, by Deniz Baykal, deputy prime minister and minister of foreign affairs of Turkey. I am surprised that the speech found no reflection in the Jordanian press. In his speech, Mr. Baykal stated, in summary,

...We have always favoured the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Iraq. It is our wish to see that this country abide by the United Nations Security Council resolutions and so reestablish its sovereignty within its borders as soon as possi-

. ".....People living in northern Iraq should not forget that they are the citizens of the Iraqi state. They must be prepared to take part in an Iraqi administration as the citizens of a democratic country when Iraq regains its sovereignty. We sincerely hope that our neighbour Iraq will evolve within a democratic process that grants equal rights to all its citizens.
When I say 'All the citizens' I wish to stress that in
Iraq there are millions of Turkish speaking people of Turkish origin. The majority of them live in northern Iraq. One cannot talk about northern Iraq or even Iraq without taking into account the Turcomans. It is wrong to refer to northern Iraq as an exclusively Kurdish region, where hundreds of thousands of Turcomans, Arabs, Assyrians and Chaldeans

> Ambassador Aykut Cetirge Charge d'Affaires Turkish Embassy Amman.

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Society on the Move

Investments in the future take on various shades

Despite the heavy rains and cold last Friday hundreds of egal proceedings wife, Alya Ch families turned out to attend the annual Umm El Hussein Charity Bazaar and Family Fun Day. Held under the patronage of HRH Princess Basma, the following embassies, cansulates as well as the United Nations parsicipated in one way or another in selling their national ation into M. case. Mr. Chem handicrafts, cooking up traditional foods, and stoging performances: Australia, Belgium, Bosnia-Hercegovina, Brazil, Canada, Chile, China, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Great Britain, Holland, Iceland, Indonesia, Iraq. Israel, Italy, Japan, Lebanon, Norway, Oman, Pakistan, that their course Palestine, Peru, Philippines, Qaiar, South Africa, South Korea, Spain, Sudan, Sweden, Switzerland, Tunisia, ays such case. ed against MI Turkey, and the United States. The bazaar, which last year started the tradition of adding in an international food foir, is organised annually by members of the diplomatic corps y have prosecu-ats guilty of hun huses and have in Jardan in support of the activities of the Umm El Hussein Orphanage which was established in 1951. The orphanage, named after the late Queen Mother, Zein Al Sharaf, provides far all the educational and social needs of orphans aged 6 to 18, and currently hauses 138 students. All proceeds from the bazaar ga to benefit the orphanage which depends on this annual event as its major source of income. Same members of the Hispanic diplomatic corps were averheard a few days later comparing notes on how their sales had faired. The vote was a ununimous "Muy

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CHAIN REACTION: Just priar to the Middle East and Narth Africa (MENA) economic summit, Parliament passed a law amending the status of the farmer Investment Promotion Department as an agency of the Ministry of Industry and Trade to a separate and autonomous body now called the Investment Promotion Carporation. The former-turned-new body has been under the directarship af Assem Hindawi for just over one year, Fallawing the MENA summit, however, Taleb Rifai, who was Jardan commercial representative to the U.S. and then designated ta work as the head of the technical committee far the MENA summit, was appointed to head the new independent carporation. It is expected that most af the more than 40-member staff of the original department will be retained in the new entity. Mr. Hindawi has been appointed Instead to head the Industrial Estates Corporation, where its farmer director Fayez Suheimut has moved on to the new JD 20 million ail exploring venture, the National Oil Campany.

The obvious result is that in this case of musical chairs left

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HRH Princess Sarvath, accompanied by her daughter Farah (wearing plaid), chats with o youngster while stopping by the Pakistani booth at the Umm Al Hussein Charity Bazaar last Friday. The boy is flanked by Pakistani Ambassador to Jardan Ali Sarwar Naqvi and his wife Meher

NEW 'STAGE' DIRECTOR: Ending the cultural soga is the news that Ivad Kanan, former director of the Royal Cultural Centre (RCC), has indeed been appointed only as advisar to the Minister of Culture and not to the Prime Minister as some might have expected him to be. But his successor at the RCC, is, as was predicted, farmer Ministry of Culture Secretary General Mahmond Fodil Tal. While Mr. Kattun has opted to take an extended leave until the beginning of the new year, Mr. Tal has assumed his new post right away.

CULTURAL DIVERSITY: One of Mr. Tal's first functions as the new director will be to hast La Falia Quortet of Spain tonight at the RCC for a single performance of 16th, 17th and 18th century baroque music. Under the directorship of award-winning floutist Pedro Bones, the

quartet will feature voice, flute, harpsichord ond strings. La Folia Quariet was formed in 1977 and has won the Golden Palm Award and received an honorary mension at the Valencia Film Festival for their music in the soundtrack of "Bultozar il Custrata" this year. The first half of the programme will be dedicated to Spanish boroque pieces of the 16th and 17th century by Juan de Naves, Bartolome de Selva, Juan Hidalyo, Clemente Imaña, Diega Ortiz, und Felipe Lluc. During the second half, the quartet will play 18th century pieces by Bach, Handel and Pepusch. The performers will be playing an instruments reconstructed from 17th century Italian models. The event marks the stort of the Spanish embassy's cultural season which next month brings to Jonian world class flamenca star Blanco del Rey among other top Spunish performers. Tonight's concert is being held under the patronage of Prince Abdulah and Princess Rania. Unfortunately, Queen Sofia of Spain, wha was in Jardan to celebrate His Majesty King

Hussein's birthday, returned home early Wednesday to attend to a busy schedule of commitments, otherwise, it was near certain that she would have offended La Folia Quarter's Amman debut as baroque is said 10 be a favourite af hers. The event is being presented by the Spanish embassy in cooperation with the Institute Cervanies and sponsorship by Freddy for Music.

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A DUTCH DECORATION: Honours seem to be the order of the day for November. Here is one order you may not have read about. Anis Mouasher, the choirman of the board of the Royal Society for the Conservation of Nature (RSCN), was appointed on Officer in the Order of the Golden Ark of the Netherlands. The honour was presented to Mr. Mouasher by Prince Bernhard, the Grand Muster of the Order of the Golden Ark and the father of Queen Beatrix, at the Soestdijk Palace in Amsterdam. The citation said that Mr. Mouasiier was granted this honour for his long and special services for the conservation of nature, especially through the work of the RSCN. Mr. Mouasher had lectured in Amsterdam that same day on nature conservation work in Jordon. Established in 1972 by Prince Bernhard, the Order of the Golden Ark has been bestowed on several environmentalists, scientists and politicians including King Olaf of Sweden, the Duke of Edinburgh, Prince Philip, Prince Henrik of Denmark and Sulian Qaboos of Oman. Mr. Mauasher says he shares the decoration with all his colleagues at the RSCN and members af the staff who worked hard to deserve it.

SOLID SAFETY: Another Jordanian won an evironmental prize of sarts. This time it is Jamal Khalil Shamasat af the Jordan Cement Factories (JCF VRashidieli who has recieved the prestigious British Safety Council Safety Award in safety management of the Rayal Society of Arts in London. Mr. Shamasat was one of 29 delegates from 18 cauntries who spent 10 weeks studying problem sairing, decision making, fire protection, accupational health, advanced sofety management and total lass control. In presenting the diplamas to the participants. Director General of the British Safety Council said. "In sending their delegates on this course, the argunisatian represented here have demonstrated a high regard far safety and, thereby, their sense of vitality, team wark and quality." Now if the JCF could only do a little bit more about the dust pollution, Fuheis residents say, much more could be said about its regard far the health of its host community.

Jennifer Hamarneh

Locust brain uses vision — and maths — to avoid collisions

By Jane E. Allen The Associated Press

no one aut in the cold.

onal organisator LOS ANGELES - Locusts — and probably other creatures — use complex mathematics in their eyes and brains ta sense that an approaching object is getting too close and that it's mising on time to get oot of the way,

The finding might someday be used to build an arti-

would send signals to help blind people avoid bumpiog into thiogs, said Giles Laurent, an assistant professor af neuroscieoce at the California Institute of Technology in Pasadena, California.

Such technology is probably a decade off, he said. Mr. Laurent is part of a

tion that explains how a locust's brain processes the size and speed of a potential threat. Their study appears in the latest issue of the journal Science.

"Detecting predators or detecting danger is a very general problem to nature and it concerns all animals. including us when we cross the street," Mr. Laurent team of scientists who said. The problem is to first

ficial human retina that found a mathematical func- recognise that an object is approaching, and the second is to react before it actually collides."

> back of the eye provides three pieces of critical informatioo about an approacbiog object: the size of the image, the speed at which its edges are widening and bow much the image 'is speeding up.

the locust act before the before the moment of collimoment af collision, scien- sion and apparently triggers tists put the 2-inch insect in a warning to get out of the front af a computer screeo, way, Mr. Laurent said. He said the retina at the front of a computer screeo, covered ane af its eyes and projected images that simu-The scientists recorded via

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However, "if the approach of the object is too lated an approaching abject. fast," be said, "the reaction a silicon-chip retina now time is not long enough and an electrode how one single the animal gets hit. That's why predators can survive. Nature evolves some sort of equilibrium so prey can

avoid predators most times,

predators themselves can

Mr. Laurent said that although be's oot an engineer, he could foresee a human visioo system using beiog developed at his university. The retina, he said. would use principles derived from his experiment.

It would "combine inputs about the size of what it sees and the velocity of what it sees in a way that would allow a signal to be generated prior to an impending collisioo," be said.

Larry Abbott, a professor of biology at Brandeis University in Waltham, Massachusetts, was enthusiastic about the findings.

Although it's hard to say bow many other animals use

its development Biodepollution — a promising area

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major objectives of the European Eureka Project. These new technologies should finally make it possible for the automobile and chemicals industries to considerably reduce their polluting emissions and to fall in line with stringent regula-

At the moment, three

niques are available. These chemical or physico-chemical or physico-chemical processes and biological processes. Bialogical processes, based on the use of micro-organisms (bacteria, fungi, algae, yeasts, etc.) are being developed thanks largely to the boom in biotechnologies. Indeed, thanks to research being carried out io biotechnology, a catalogue of micro-organisms is available today the Turcon and the sub-time sub-time sub-time should be sub-time. The sub-time sub organisms is available today in which they are characterised and indexed according to the chemical reactions that they are likely to

> shown their reliability and effectiveness. processes increasingly appear as an alternative to chemical and physical methods which are

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by-products which are diffi- fibrous fungi to absorb cult to turn to account. Another advantage of biodepollution is the low cost of the installations that it requires. Industrialists, who are placed under the constraints of the new standards established by the European Community are well aware of the advantage of this new technology which is relatively inexpen-

sive and easy to install.

Encouraging results For a long time, biotechnology, techniques came from know-how acquired with experience and not from a rigorous procedure based on theory and reasoning. Scientists are aware of the stakes represented by bioprocesses both from an economic and an ecological point of view and so they are trying to rationalise the phenomenon by contributing the theoretical bases that are indispensable for it to be applied on a large scale. For a few years now, processes for fighting water and soil pollution have been the subject of active research. Recently, scientists at the French Atomic Energy Commission (CEA) developed a depollution process for water contaminated by

heavy metals such as

chrome, nickel, cobalt, zinc,

cadmium, lead and mercury.

This technique is based

aut using the Rhizopus arrhizus mould has shown that the cellular wall of this fungus contains a large number of anionic sites which are able to very effectively absorb heavy metals present in water in the form of cations. Moreover, this process should make it possible 10 give value 10 the mycelium mud which is a by-product of the fermentation industries that produce enzymes, antibiotics or vitamins by the culture of fibrous fungi. Another highly promising process is bialixiviation or bacterial lixiviation. This technique, which is well-known in hydro-metallurgy (10 per ceni of copper produced at present in the world is extracted using this method), has existed for some time already. As early as the year 1,000 B.C., the peoples of the Mediterranean basin used bacteria to recover copper by draining mines. Studies are under way to improve this process and to adapt it for the depollution of muds, soils and sediments polluted by

heavy metals. The choice of a bioprocess is based on several criteria. First of all the nature of the mined and the chemical form in which it occurs.

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sought (through a mechanism of energy-producing degradation or by integration into a synthesis process). This choice also depends on the technicity af activity, the concentration pollutant has to be deter- of the pollutants to be either because suitable processed and the condi-

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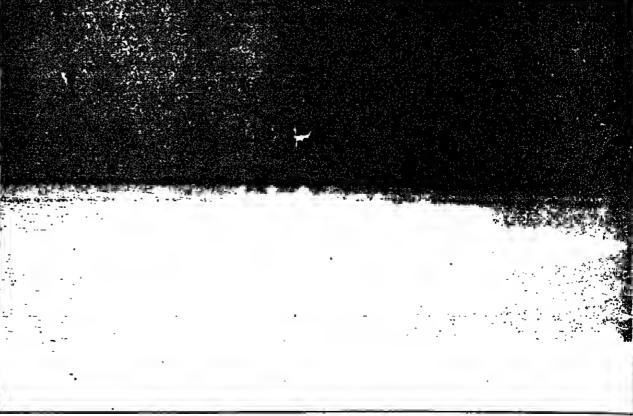
In the present state of affairs, bioprocesses are not a cure-all for depollution. the firm, the location of its. There are numerous areas in which they cannot be used strains have not yet been tions that have to be met to discovered, or because new public opinion as they leave on the property of certain Then the different kinds of obtain maximum depollu- ones would have to be creat-

Treating the air and the soil are the areas which are the best-suited to the application of bioprocesses as the involved is limited, which

In the panel of techniques used to fight poliution today, biological processes are the minority but this technology is still in its L'Actualite En France.

makes it easier to identify

ed by genetic modification. early days. The results are bighly encouraging, especially those obtained in waste-water processing and in dealing with the badnumber of pollutants smells given off during sewage processing and agro-industries (animal busbandry, slaughtering and smelting) and the metallurgy and chemicals industries predict a fine future for biodepollution



The Rhizopus arrhizus fungus avidly digests heavy metals in a water solution; a stroke of luck for the metallurgy industry

them.

Electronic publishing

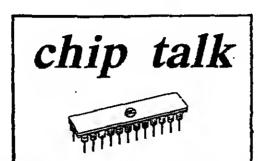
By Jean-Claude Elias

The recent release of a CD-ROM on Jordan on the occasion of the Amman 95 Economic Conference was undeniably a success. The Compact Disc - Read Only Memory is a device that is similar in format to the well-known music audio CD, but is intended to be used in a player that only works installed in a computer.

Publishing any work in electronic format is becoming more and more popular. It would not make any sense publishing a novel or a literary work in CD format (I do not take bets on the future), since the reading would be linear. On the other hand, the electronic system does bring many important features and facilities for work where search, indexing or cross-referencing is essential. A typical CD-ROM application for instance is dictionaries and encyclo-

The case of the CD-ROM on Jordan is also quite appropriate. Looking for a feature, a photograph or any piece of information on the Kingdom using a PC is faster, more efficient, more practical and... more enjoyable. Colour photographs particularly come alive on the screen. High resolution monitors able to display up to 16 million colours (no typo here) produce images that are much sharper and true-to-life than the best TV set. Whenever a certain part of a CD-ROM is of special interest for a reseach or even for distribution on hard copy, the system allows easy printing of that part.

Naturally, enjoying a CD-ROM means having a PC equipped with a CD player, and having them both at hand, ready to work. Traditional books do not require additional devices or equipment to be read.



We all know that PCs are everywhere. Moreover, one third of the machines currently sold in the U.S., and one quarter of those sold in Jordan come equipped with a CD player. This means that in less than five years, when most of the existing personal computer installations are renewed, the wide majority of homes and offices will have fast, easy access to CD-ROM players.

Still, the ideal setup would require the machine to be left permanently on, at least during daytime. This is not an unrealistic situation. Already computers fitted with fax cards must be always turned on in order to receive incoming messages. By the year 2000, virtually tomorrow, the industry will probably come up with a few other applications that would require the machines to be permanently

How long would it take till electronic publishing takes over traditional publishing? Book lovers, sentimentally, attached to the "real thing" may suffer from the change. Do they have the choice?

- You're still a child and must be treated as such.

JOKES

* WARDEN: "I've been in charge of this prison for 20

years and that calls for a celebration. What kind of a party

Hathehi heya natecjato juhoodeka.

Innaka la zilta tifflan wayajib an tu'amal

Hal hatha ma tazonnohul-aan?

Hatha ma ahtajuhu.

Ashkuruka ala karamika.

- That's for your own good?

— Is this what you think now?

- That's what I need.

Thanks for your kindness.

would you, boys, suggest?"
PRISONERS: "Open house!"

- Such was the result of your efforts.

The sound of soul at the crossroads

By Samer Ghaleb Bagaeen

Talent is a wonderful thing! If you happened to have read through the list of events of what went on in Amman lately, you would have been in for n surprise. More movies than ever were being shown at the various cultural centres. Concerts by the orchestra and band of the National Music Conservatory were being rerun because the public demand for tickets had been overwhelming. And exhibi-

tions were springing up all over the place.
In light of all this, and acknowledging the fact that we have a proper and adequate exhibition space, an ever increasing number of theatres and cultural centres, a case has to be put forward for setting up a national complex devnted to musical engagements! Our theatre huildings are, undeniably, containers for drama. But on the outside, they play no part whatsoever in the plot of human life. What we need are buildings which provide us with a set on which people participate in a drama that is both rewarding social rimal and satisfactory at a personal level.

Talent is also a wonderful thing because it does, or at least should, give us the ability to speak our minds when the time is right. It does not mean however that, given the space and the freedom to practice such an option, this freedom to speak be abused.

Talent is also about telling apart right from wrong. It certainly is not, never was and can never be allowed to become, about rejoicing at somebody's death. Talent, combined with vision and a sense of purpose, means helping people to make the right choices to make the best of their lives. It means celebrating the advent of peace and clues of a prosperous future set against the calamities of a distant past. Life is, after all, about giving people chances to put right the wrongs in their lives and the unjustness of

so many years of war and hatred.

vife but One can only hope that the younger generation among us will prove up to the task entrusted to them. The task of preserving the legacy of peace and understanding that peace is what we are trying, at great peril, to build. Sadly enough, just as we mourn the passing of peacemakers, we also mourn the sudden and untimely deaths of so many of our young people. Our children have to be made to understand that speeding cars and drugs could, and do, kill. Certainly the rules of the game will have to change. But

at the same time, it is imperative that we do not lose sight of what is important. Parental guidance and supervision are now called for more than ever before. Democratic values have to be taught to our children from an early age, Television programmes, encounters and talk shows featuring young people debating among themselves and with political and economic figures are important. It is important that all our children be able to engage in sound intellectual debates. Teaching them to be considerate of others and their needs, as well as one's own, is also important. To call for better, wealthier and healthier urban and rural environments is important. To be able to secure reasonable levels of justice and equity for all in our social welfare system is important. To speak ont and condemn assassination is important. To have a hig heart is important. To work for the good of one's profession, society and comtry is important. But to be given such an opportunity is also important. To be able to enjoy one's achievements in life is important. To be able to grow old in peace and security is important. To be able to love is important. But to be loved is even more important. To be able to enjoy the sound of soul at the crossroads is important. And to be able to say all of this, freely, and do all of this, honestly, is by far the most important!

STRANGE BUT TRUE

in IN September 1921, when Gandhi was touring Madurai district in Tamil Nadu he came across men and women moving about with insufficient clothing. At the sight of these poverty-stricken people he was moved to tears. From then he vowed to wear the loin cloth as his only

- VENUS, one of the planets, has a peak higher than Mt. Everest, U.S. scientists said. Images constructed from radar scanning show 11,200-metre mountain that would tower over the 8,708-metre Everest, the highest on the earth. The mountain in Venus is unofficially called Maxwell.

 HITLER, the dictator of Germany, committed snicide in the underground hunker of the Imperial Chancellory on April 30, 1945. Probably he was afraid to answer for the horrible crimes he had committed on mankind. Fifty million people were killed in the butchery of the World War II!

 A SEVEN-YEAR-OLD girl vomitted 8.2-inch long baby python in Rewa, India. The girl was normal when she took tea but later she felt giddy and vomitted. It was then a

LET'S CHAT IN ARABIC

— Such is my luck!

--- What I mean is this.

- That sounds fishy.

Hatha howa ma a'neehi.

-That's exactly what I did.

Hatha howa huzzi!

Hatha yabdu sayye'an.

* "WHERE have you been? questioned the employer.
"To have my hair cut." replied the office boy.

Hatha ma fa'altuhu bid'dubt. "Well, you can't have your hair cut on my time," protest-Hatha lesalehik.

"Why not? demanded the office boy," I grew it on your

tame flocks and herds of domestic animals, and began to

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PEOPLE OF THE PAST

NO ONE knows for certain how long people have lived on the earth. The first horninids (human-like animals) prob-ably existed about five million years ago and lived mainly in Africa. People's first tools were sticks and the stones which they learned to chip into rough axes. They used these axes as weapons for hunting animals. They also caught fish with spears and with fish-hooks which they made from thorns. Some stone tools remain from this period, which is known as the Old Stone Age. In the New Stone Age, people began to live together in larger groups. They learned to

HOBBIES

FISH

FISH are more attractive in garden ponds. If it is not possible to build a proper pond, buy one "rarely-made" in glass fibre. Look at other ponds to discover the best ways of using rocks and plants.

sing rocks and plants.

Fish can also be kept indoors in a glass tank, which must be kept away from direct sunlight. Goldfish are popular and easiest to keep.

The bottom of the tank should be thoroughly washed beforehand, and the tank should stand for a few days before the fish are added.

A tropical aquarium is set up in the same way, but will need electric beaters, a thermostat, a thermometer, a filtration system and an acrating pump. The pet shop will sell a complete assembly to suit your tank.

RIDDLES

(1) What tongue never talks?(2) What stick never beats anybody?

Run The Gauntlet

I Love Lucy

Tarzan

(3) What shoes is never brushed?

(4) What mouth has no lips? (5) What foot has no leg?

Thursday, Nov. 16, 1995

Fireman Sam My Secret Identity
The New Leave It To Beaver 1:30 2:00 2:30 White Heat Feature "The Last Fling" 3:30 Starring: John Ritter & Connic Sellecca Freuch Programme Variety Celui Qui Chante Le Journal Magazine Archimede News Headlines Carol And Company The Album Show 8:50 The Royal Variety Performance 9:10 On The Banks of Jordan (P.II) 10:00 News In English
10:25 Movie — "Goddess Of Love"
Starring: Vanna White & David Naughten
12:00 The Thorn Birds (Ep. 8)

lris - The Happy Professor

Friday, Nov. 17, 1995 1:00 Little Mermaid Beethoven Lift-Off 1:45 2:00 The Runn Lucas Show Space Rangers Goldrush In Alaska Movies — Games And Videos French Programme Sophie Et Virginie Telefilm Le Paradis Absolumeni Le Journal Magazine 7:15 Sports Et Musique News Headlines Coach Natural Wonders Of Europe 10:00 News In English 10:25 Pride And Prejudice (Part I)

11:30 Movie — "Separate Tables" Starring: Alan Bates & Julie Christy

Saturday, Nov. 18, 1995 Back To The Future Harry And The Hendersons Blue Heelers Only In Hollywood 4:10 I Love Lucy Tarzan 5:00 French Programme Fractales 5:30 **Varieties Omnisciences** 6:00 Drama Cest Mon Histoire Le Journal Faut Pas Rever News Headlines Major Dad First Flights
The Bold And The Beautiful
Star Trek — The Next Generation News In English Movie: "Beverly Hills Cow Girl Blues"
Starring: James Brolin & Lisa Hartman

Sunday, Nov. 19, 1995

The Flintstones Droopy Master Detective Family Playhouse Scientific Eye Puywall's Summer I Love Lucy 4:30 Tarzan French Programme Fractales 5:30

L'histoire Secrete Du Petrole

12:30 My Good Friend

JTV CHANNEL TWO WEEKLY PREVIEW

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Monday, Nov. 20, 1995

Shelly Duvall's Bedtime Stories Play About 2:45 Hey Dad Nature World Of Mitsuaki 3:05 4:00 l Love Lucy Tarzan 5:00 French Programme Fractales 5:30 Maria Vandamme Le Journal 7:15 Magazine Nimbus News Headlines 7:35 McHale's Navy Invention The Bold And The Beautiful Star Trek - The Next Generation 10:00 News In English 10:25 Inspector Morse 12:00 The American Chart Show Tuesday, Nov. 21, 1995 Captain Planet 2:00 M.A.N.T.1.S.

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You Bet Your Life 8:00 The Secret Of The Treasure Islands The Bold And The Beautiful 8:25

9:10 True Blue 10:00 News In English 10:30 Movie: "Vamping"

Starring: Patrick Duffy & Catherine Hyland 12:00 Never Come Back (Part 1)

Wednesday, Nov. 22, 1995

2:00 Inspector Gadget 2:55 Ghost Writer Tomorrow's World 3:30 Amazing Stories 4:00 I Love Lucy 4:30 Tarzan French Programme 5:00 Fractales 5:30 Le Trophee Campus Le Journal Magazine Sports Et Musiqui 7:30

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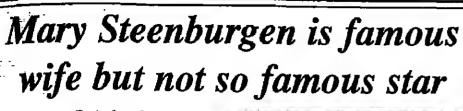
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Now Irishman Pierce star in Goldeneye.

world's most famous spy to The first film Brosnan

ever saw at the age of 11 was Goldfinger and he has never forgotten the electrifying effect of Sean Connery in the role of elegant ladykiller Bond.

For me, Sean Connery was James Bond," Brosnan said as he braced for weeks on the international publicily treadmill promoting the miere at New York's Radio



By Andrea Orr Reuter

LOS ANGELES - After many films, a handful of blockbusters and an Academy Award, Mary Steenburgen remained something of an oddity among Hollywood stars - she could walk down the street without attracting throngs of fans. Even though she is a regular visitor to

the White House to see her old friends, Bill and Hillary Clinton, real fame is only just arriving with Steenburgen's latest role - real-life wife of television star Ted

Steenburgen says she gets more attention being seen with the star of the long-running television sitcom, Cheers, than she ever got from her own work.

"People come up to Ted because they think they know him," Steenburgen told Renters in a recent interview. "It was scary to me at first. I found myself being pretty shy about it."

Not that she is seriously hothered by her meshand's fame. Still basking in a newlywed glow, Steenburgen speaks like an adoring fan herself, praising his gentle ways and confessing that superstardom was never something that she pursued.

"I guess it used to mean something to me when I was a kid and would lie awake and dream about being famous because it would make you feel better about your-

"But since I've grown up and had all sorts of joys and heartaches that everyone else in the world has, it doesn't interest

In fact, she says, a certain lack of celebrity ambition has had its benefits. Some of her favourite roles have been in offbeat films she never would have taken had she thought about box office results, and, she has been able to work at her own pace and take time off to spend with her two children.

With a cumbersome name she never hothered to sborten for movie marquees, an unglamourous way of dressing, and now, a surprisingly small ring from her new busband, she lacks a certain star qual-

While some actors become household names with their first film, she remains, after more than 20 years in the business, a person most people have heard of but

often can't place. "I'm attracted to films that are not necessarily the most commercial things I'm offered. I often see a role and think, that would probably be very good to do, but it

roles interest me a lot." Flamboyant may be an understatement and cheer them on," she said.



Mary Steenburgen

for her latest film, Powder, about an Albino youth with telekinetic powers, which opened last month around the United States.

Steenburgen plays a school principal who recognises the boy's phenomenal intelligence and sensitivity. She said she took the role partly because she has often worked to foster better race relations, and was intrigued with the notion of someone being an outcast because he is "too white."

Steenburgen supported herself working as a waitress in New York for six years while acting in small improvisational the-

Her film career was launched in 1978 after Jack Nicbolson cast her in Goin' South, over several more established

Two years later, she won an Oscar for best supporting actress in Melvin And Howard. Her other film credits include Time After Time --- where she met her first busband Malcolm McDowell -What's Eating Gilbert Grape, Philadelphia, Back To The Future, Part III, Parenthood, and A Midsummer Night's

Sex Comedy.

Later this fall she will appear in Oliver Stone's Nixon, as the mother of the late conservative president, an irony considering that off stage she is an ardent support-er of more liberal causes and of her friends, the Clintons.

Steenburgen met the Clintons years ago at a party in her bome state of Arkansus. and campaigned for them in 1992.

"He's like a brother to me," Steenburgen says of Mr. Clinton, smiling as she recalls bow his presence at her wedding last month had the added benefit of clearing the air space overhead and keeping the press at bay.

"I've been really proud of them. It's really nice for them to have people who have known them forever, and don't need any thing from them, who can listen to them

Stallone turns existentialist in new thriller

By Matt Wolf The Associated Press

LONDON — He has played the pugilist, the militia man, a comic book icon, a New York cop.

In his latest film, Assassins, Sylvester Stallone tries on the new clonk of existentialist. Playing a contract killer who wants out, he adds welcome shadings of reflection and regret to the man of action.

"I'm finished, I'm gone, I quit," sighs Stallone's Robert Rath near the end, preparing to cede the global hit man game to a new kid in town, Miguel Bain (Antonio Banderas).

But for Stallone, now 49 and anything but finished, Assassins suggests a fresh way forward - "it's action by way of Sartre," smiles the actor. Rambo was noth-

ing like this. The point of this outing, Stallone said, was "not to fall back on any cliches or habits formulated from (my) other films."

To be fresh at this particular point in a career, you have to re-evaluate who you he said, speaking expansively in an interview the afternoon following the

movie's world premiere. "You have to pretend like it's your first movie." For many, that pretense will come as a welcome

relief, since Stallone's first major movie - the Academy Award-winning 1976 Rocky - remains his

In between, be sang with Dolly Parton in Rhinestone; won the admiration of Ronald Reagan in Rambo; and partnered Estelle Getty in Stop. Or My Mom Will Shoot, a film he describes four years after its release as "horrible on every level."

More recent films - The Specialist with Sharon Stone, among them --roved. Most disconcerting was this summer's Judge Dredd,

a would-be special effects colossus that turned out to be a colossal bore and has grossed less than half its nearly \$80 million budget in

the United States to date. (Stallone says better overseas receipts will enable it eventually to break even.)

In the past, said Stallone. "I have taken mediocre projects in haste. I don't know if it's the out of work mentality that just won't dissolve, but I feel when I'm not working as though maybe something is slipping by.

"Now, I am adamant let's just work with sophisticated filmmakers from now on or not at all, or I'll just direct it myself."

Referring indirectly to Danny Cannon, the young British director of Judge Dredd, Stallone said: "I can't work with kids that don't have the passion, the culture, or the knowledge." Assassins, happily, has all

three, as feistily directed by Richard Donner (Lethal Weapon) and photographed in a moody art house style by Oscar-winning camera-man, Vilmos Zsigmond tClose Encounters Of The Third Kind).

"I had doubts if I was ever going to get the opportunity to perform in a performance film as opposed to an action film," Stallone said.

Then, Dick Donner said, 'I don't want your shirt off'; this is all about presence and state of mind, and if it works, it is going to send a message, finally."

Not that Stallone in any way passes the buck for the varying critical fortunes of his career. And in box-office terms, be has no worries, since his new deal with Universal Pictures will earn him a record \$20 million a

With Rocky, he said, "something happened to me that was unexpected. Everyone assumed I was Rocky, and I think my behavior off screen fed into that nice and nearly.

"My persona was crafted by myself, and I have only myself to blame for sending out that kind of street animal persona where people think, 'maybe he just got lucky — there can't really be that innate working intelligence.'
"And then when I did try

was host of an Assassins party at the local branch of Planet Hollywood, one of Jim Dine. 30 of a planned 100 such

latest movie Assassins in London

wrong direction, Instead of

Rhinestone, I should bave

gone to something like Coming Home" — he was offered the role of the para-

plegic Vietnam veteran that

won Jon Voight an Oscar — "something very extreme."

Stallone was kept busy in

London while visiting for a

few days to hype his new

movie, accompanied by

girlfriend Jennifer Flavin.

When not receiving jour-

at the Berkeley Hotel, he

to reach out, I went in the eateries worldwide. (His

partners are Bruce Willis and Arnold Schwarzenegger.) Before returning to Rome,

Sylvester Stallone arrives with Jennifer Flavin for the world premiere of his

where he is shooting a new thriller Daylight, Stallone planned to stop by Sotheby's auction house to preview some upcoming sales of neoclassical paintings and works by old masters -- his current passions:

"I've shed myself of my contemporary collection," explained Stallone, himself nalists in a darkened room an amateur artist, who is hanging on to modern works by Botero, Hockney, Bacon, Diego Rivera and

Daylight

Stallone busy through March, and a countroom drama by Taylor Hackford (Dolores Claiborne) looms as a possible project after

But Stallone said be would happily do a Woody Allen film, or low-budget Miramax project, for next to no fee if the offers arose.

"I'm no longer jumping into something because il bave this overwhelming compulsion to work," he said. Working on Assassins accounts for his shift in attitude.

"It opened my eyes to working with people of elevated starure in this busi-

Dietrich's daughter at new exhibit: 'I was her handmaid'

By Terrence Petty The Associated Press

BONN — Marlene Dietrich

was no Joan Crawford. "She never hit. But she could look at you and turn you to ice," said the daughter of the German-horn screen siren, whose career memorabilia and filmed

work went on display last

Thursday. "I was her handmaid. She was the queen." Dietrich was adored by

movie audiences, but saw

lovers as instruments to help end she became, said the

"Dietrich was a Prussian soldier to the core and her duty was the Dietrich legend. Her lovers, her busband and I served that duty," said Ms. Riva.

Few people dared to cross Dietrich, she said, because they feared the power that came with her fame.

create and preserve the leggrown-up daughter, Maria Riva.

The daughter of a police-

and her male and female man, Dietrich had the world Exhibit Museum. The memat her feet after she orabilia belong to a massive renounced Nazi Germany in 1930 and moved to the United States. She soared to fame in movies like Shanghai Express, Moroc-

co. The Blond Venus, and The Flame Of New Orleans. Lonely, addicted to sleeping pills and to alcohol, the 90-year-old Dietrich died three years ago in ber Paris

Ms. Riva, wbo is 70. came to Bonn to see the Dietrich

collection Ms. Riva has sold to the city of Berlin. As a child, Ms. Riva had to accompany her mother on

tours around the world, doing small tasks for the legendary chanteuse. "When I was a child, I thought all children cleaned

(their mother's) shoes and put them away," said Ms. Riva, author of an unflattering book about her mother. Rather than attend

emesses who were responsible for ber education. She rarely got to be with other children.

But Ms. Riva said she admires her mother, because unlike most Germans sbe stood up to the Nazis. "A lot of people will come

to this exhibit to see the glamour, and Dietrich's legs," said Ms. Riva, standing in front of a huge photograph showing those famous gams.

"But people should also schools, Ms. Riva had gov- learn what this woman

believed in and how brave she was."

Instead of bating her mother, Ms. Riva feels sorry for ber because behind all the glamour was a tragic life where true love proved elu-

Though married to Berlin casting director Rudolf Sieber, Dietrich had a number of affairs with men and women. Ms. Riva said even as a child she knew what

was going on.
"My father did, 1 did,"

Dietrich's greatest love actress, Ms. Riva said, was French actor Jean Gabin, who broke the actress' heart by dumping

ber, Ms. Riva said. "I can't remember many times when she really bad fun or enjoyed being rich. As a child I found it wonderful. But mother looked at it as if it was just part of being famous," Dietrich's daughter, who lives in Switzerland.

Dietrich lived in an unreal world and her profession placed great demands on the

"She bordered on the schizophrenic. There wasn't one Marlene Dietrich. There were 40 or 50. She could be the milkmaid, the siren, the lover, the cook. She played

transient." At the museum exhibit is a moving expression of Dietrich's inner sadness.

the mother role, but that was

It is a piece of paper, on which in 1980 Dietricb scrawled words from a Rainer Marie Rilke poem: "He who is now alone, will that way remain."

exhibit at Bonn's Art and James Bond returns with new-look, new-man image

By Paul Majendie Reuter

LONDON - More than half the world's population has seen a James Bond film and they haven't even been released in China yet.

The 16 hand movies bave

made more than \$2 billion around the globe. They used to be compulsory viewing for Soviet KGB agents fascinated by Bond's killer

Bikini-clad bond starlets launched a million male fantasies. The official James Bond fan club - Post Box No. 007 — boasts members from Fiji to Estonia.

Brosnan has stepped into the suave shoes of the

City Music Hall on Nov. 13. bimbo. I try to bring my of the sea like a bronzed

But he is equally flattering about Roger Moore, star of eight Bond films: "I realised that be had this wonderful irony and actually did an

incredible job." Brosnan, who rehearsed the famous line "my name is Bond, James Bond" every morning while brushing his teeth, takes over from British actor Timothy Dalton, last seen in

"Licence To Kill" in 1989. Bond has a new-look, new-man nineties image. His boss is a woman classical actress Judi Dencb has taken over as M and even castigates Bond, calling him a misogynist

dinosaur. New Zealand Director Martin Campbell kept a it must exist," said the forpolitically correct eye open

for Bond. "I think his attitudes are very nineties. There is no bimbo element in it at all. He certainly was sexist in past films. He is less so in this one," he said of the \$50 million movie filmed in Britain, Monte Carlo,

Russia and Puerto Rico. Dutch actress Famke Janssen plays a villain wbo squeezes ber lovers to death with her thighs. But she says: "This is not anybody's

intelligence to the part." However, Brosnan is quick to assure male chauvinist fans that political correctness did not run riot on

the set. "Bond still likes the girls but if a girl misbehaves, she'll get a thump. You know the plot won't work any other way. James Bond movies are pure fantasy and entertainment," he said.

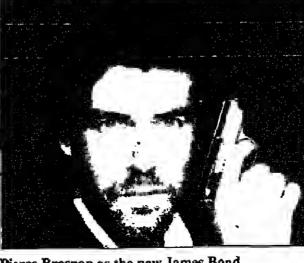
Real-life cold war double agent Oleg Gordievsky revealed that. Bond's ingenious gadgets - from laser guns to killer pens - were the subject of KGB scrutiny in the old Soviet empire.

"The technology was so advanced in Britain and the West that (they felt) some of mer KGB spy wbo switched

All 16 Bond films have made money. Thunderball was the top earner, grossing \$237 million.

The Dutch are the people who per capita have bought the most movie tickets to a Bond film. The Japanese above all love the gadgets and the beautiful women.

That is a long tradition dating back to the memorable day in 1962 when Ursula Andress walked out



Pierce Brosnan as the new James Bond

goddess in Dr. No. Shirley Eaton was covered in gold paint for Goldfinger, Britt Ekland toted a gun.

Grace Jones played the killer May Day. In these days of Superman and Batman, merchandising

is vital to a film's profitabil-

The U.S. department store Nieman Marcus featured in their catalogue 100 BMW open-top sportsters like the one Brosnan drives in Goldeneye. They were snupped up in 10 days.

Bollinger was the official

New York launch. The man

who likes his vodka martinis shaken not stirred was being promoted on Smirnoff vodka. And finally the song - no

Bond film would be com-

Forever in 1971.

plete without one. Shirley Bassey recorded two of the most memorable Bond songs with Goldfinger in 1964 and Diamonds Are

This time Tina Turner has

teamed up with Ireland's U2 to belt out the song that could be heading into hit parades around the world as the Bond box office tills Bond champagne for the start ringing again after six

said Ms. Riva. Shanghai Film Festival ends with few deals, much hope

By Bradley Lee Agence France Presse

SHANGHAI — Hollywood made tentative steps into China's potentially lucrative film market last week with talk of partnerships and major deals in the works but there was little to show after two weeks in the

"Cannes of the east".

Rumours about direct investment in the ailing Chinese film industry, coproductions, distribution agreements and building cinemas proliferated at the second Shanghai International Film Festival but few were taking any large deals home, industry

sources said. Phoenix President Mike Medavoy. who was born in Shanghai in 1941, left early last week amid rumours of a \$600million partnership with the Shanghai Film Studio.

Twentieth Century Fox said it had made a distribution deal on A Walk In The Clouds with the China Film Import and Export Corp., they said.

"There bave been deals at this conference and there

have been partnerships formed," said Lisa Atkinson, programme director for an international film industry conference run by Los Angeles-based

Celestial

rival. Overseas Film Group sold distribution rights to Mad Dogs And Englishmen by British director Henry Cole to China Film Corp., which has a virtual monopoly over foreign films.

Organisation during the fes-

United Pictures (UIP) announced the biggest deal of the festival, saying it had secured a profit-sharing deal on distributing three films -Apollo 13, the James Bond thriller Golden Eve and Hong Kong movie star Jackie Chan's upcoming Police Story 4 - with

China Film Corp. Frank Fan, China manager for UIP which is in a distribution joint venture with Kong's Golden Hong Harvest Films, said the films could reap box office receipts higher than 220

lion) throughout China. The company, which dis-

Hollywood giants Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer (MGM), Paramount Pictures, United Artists and Universal Pictures Corp., brought Media U.S.-made film True Lies, starring Arnold Scharzenegger, to Chinese cinemas earlier in the year.

> adding "but frankly we don't know how much it has really made because it's still being released by China Film. Fan would not give a specific hreakdown of profits but said "in general it's

True Lies has been out-

standing and has made over

90 million yuan," Fan said,

around 40-60" in favour of China Film. UIP also brought to China top grossing foreign film. Jackie Chan's Rumble In The Bronx, which made more than 95 million yuan nationwide, as well as Drunkenmaster II, and

Forrest Gump. "We're coming into the market and we hope we can learn how big the market is. million yuan (\$26.5 mil- but right now we don't bave any true figures on it," Fan

Discoverer of Alzheimer's gene now says he knows how it causes damage

The Associated Press DURHAM, N.C. - The discoverer of a genetic trait linked to Alzheimer's says he has now figured out bow the trait causes the disease by weakening the microscopic "plumbing" that carries outrients to brain cells

and flushes out the waste. The new understanding offers oumerous possibiliries for the development of drugs that might not "cure" the disease but could delay it for 20 years, meaning most people would not live long enough to get it, said Dr. Allen Roses, chairman of the Neurology Depart-meot at Duke University Medical Ceotre.

Speaking at a meeting sponsored by the Council for the Advancement of Scieoce Writing. Dr. Roses also reported that people with the Alzheimer's gene are more likely than others to die after a bead iojury, because of the weakened conditioo of their neuroos,

By Joanne Kenen

Reuter
WASHINGTON — An

experimental vaccine

has helped protect mice

against a form of lung

cancer, and has also

spread of tumours in the

lab animals, scientists

described the findings,

Wednesday in the jour-nal Nature Medicine, as exciting but cautioned

that an experimental

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By Harold B. Counts

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The gene produces a substance called Apolipoprotein E4, or Apo E4, which shuttles cholesterol through the bloodstream.

Dr. Roses's belief that Apo E4 is critical in Alzbeimer's puts him at odds with some other leading authorities.

"No one disputes that E4 is important. E4 is a risk factor, not the cause," said Dr. Dennis Selkoe, a neurologist at Harvard Medical

Dr. Selkoe believes that E4 somehow changes the form of a substance called amyloid in the brain. The brains of Alzheimer's vicrims are laced with amyloid plaques, or deposits, that Dr. Selkoe and others believe are the central feature of Alzheimer's disease.

Dr. Roses said be believes that amyloid is an iocideotal consequence of damage produced by Apo E4, and that amyloid is not ceotral

aged to isolate and

reproduce a small pro-

tein fragment or peptide

in a type of lung cancer

called Lewis Carcinoma.

They then vaccinated mice with the peptide,

and exposed them to cancer cells. But

tumours did not develop.

Similarly, mice who already had tumours did

not suffer a spread or relapse after surgery when vaccinated.

"The mice have been

Weizmann

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The most dangerous the goal was to create a

part of cancer is not the vaccine that will help the

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phone interview from

Israel.

beeo known to be linked to an increased risk of heart disease. In 1993, Dr. roses reported a link between Apo E4 and Alzheimer's.

About 2 per cent of Americans have two copies of the Apo E4 gene, giving them a 50 per cent chance of gettiog Alzheimer's before age 70. In contrast, for those with no copies of the Apo E4 gene, the risk of developing the disease does not rise to 50 per ceot until after

one-third About Americans have one copy. which puts them at intermediate risk.

Ao estimated 4 million Americans suffer from Alzheimer's disease, and 100,000 die of it every year. It is the fourth leading cause of death io adults after beart disease, cancer and strokes. It usually strikes after age

The idea that Apo E4 is related to Alzheimer's dis-

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Vaccine fights lung cancer

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For years, Apo E4 bad on families with inherited forms of the disease, Dr. Roses said. Researchers were stymied by a pesky laboratory contaminant that was distorting their results.

> Out of frustration, they purified the cootaminant and discovered that it was Apo E. Subsequent research showed that of the various forms of Apo E, Apo E4 raised the risk of Alzheimer's disease, while Apo E2 was protective.

The most recent work sbows that Apo E helps stabilise and streogtheo tiny structures called microtubules, which carry outrients to the cells and dispose

Apo E2 does the job well, but Apo E4 does not. The weakened microtubules become less efficient carriers of outrients and waste, and the brain cell begins to ease emerged from research weaken, Dr. Roses said.

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be effective against other

forms. In addition, it is oot

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counterpart to the mouse

peptide and make a vac-

several buman cancers.

New Hope for Men Suffering from Enlarged Prostates

Study shows progressive enlarging of prostate can be stopped, even reversed with drugs

COPENHAGEN (Agencies) - A major new study published in Urology shows that the enlargement of the prostate gland known as Hyperpasia (BPH), a pro-

gressive disease which often requires long-term management, can be treated effectively with the widely prescribed drug Fioasterida.

"BPH is one of the most commoo diseases in men. but conventional non-surgical therapies provide only symptomatic relief. Conventional medical therapy does not stop the ongoing enlargement of the prostate gland which causes the condition," said Professor Jeos Thorup Andersen, Chair of the steering committee for the study, in announcing the publication of the results.

Scandinavian Study on Reduction of the Prostate (SCARP) have shown that treatment with the drug Finasteride produced a sustained, significant decrease io prostate size as providing symptomatic improvement over the two-year period. The double-blind, placebocontrolled trial was carried out in over 700 men awith

moderate BHP symptoms. 'Our study proves for the first time in a long-term

placebo-controlled trial that enzyme called 5-alpha Finasteride offers sufferers reductase. Medical therapy symptom relief as well as the chance to deal with the fundamental cause of their BPH long-term, rather than looking solely for a shortterm improvement in symptoms." continued Professor Andersen.

Treatment Target Cause of BPH

BPH is a progressive disease which affects over half of all men over the age of 60. This non-malignant growth of the prostate gland slowly obstructs normal urine flow, causing symptoms such as greater frequency and night-time urination, urine stream hesiand dribbling. Conventional noo-surgical treatments for BPH are only able to relieve some of the troublesome symptoms of the disease, but in many men the symptoms recur as the disease cootinues to progress, and as the prostate

gland continues growing. Research has shown that the development of BPH depends oo a combination of agiog and on the hormon dibydrotestosteroos (DHT). The male hormone testosterone is converted to DHT in the prostate gland by an with Finasteride blocks this conversion process and suppresses levels of DHT by approximately 60-70 per cent without reducing oormal levels of testosterone. Finasteride is the only

drug licensed for use io BPH which acts in this way oo a key underlying cause of the disease.

The Scandinavian study published today bas now confirmed that treatment with Finasteride not only provides symptomatic relief but also unequivocally demonstrates that treatment with Finasteride can stop prostatic growth observed in men of this age group. Io the multicenter trial, 707 meo with moderate symptoms of BPH were randomised to either placebo or Finasteride for a period of two years, with regular evaluation visits. Results sbowed that:

 Prostate Size Reduced. The average size of the prostate gland fell by a fifth after two years in the treated тео Finasteride. Over the same period, the placebo-treated group showed an increase of 11.5 per cent in prostate

- Symptoms Improved. Total symptom score (an assessment of symptom severity made by the patients) improved significantly io the Finasteride group from 8 months onwards. The men receivplacebo, however, showed an ioitial transient improvement but theo deteriorated to below baseline by the end of the Two-year

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Required. Significantly meo in the Finasteride group required ioterveotioo treatment than

io the placebo group. Prostate surgery was needed in nine of the meo receiving placebo, but in none of the Finasteride-treated men. Fifteeo men given placebo and only four receiving Finasteride oeeded catheterisation for acute uninary retention. Even though this is not a primary endpoint, but sbown io a post boc analysis, it should be

regarded as definitive. Our results show that Finasteride can halt — and even reverse - the progression of BPH, and that this improvement is maintained over an extended period." said Professor Peter Ekman of the Karolinska Institute,

'Laughter is great but elusive medicine'

By Allen Nacheman Agence France Presse

OXFORD, England -Robert Holden, psychologist and laughter specialist, tells of a bizarre epidemic that began in a rural schoolhouse in the Bukoba district Tanganyika, central

A teacher's banal remark got a couple of children giggling, and pretty soon the entire classroom was chuck-

Those in adjacent classrooms heard laughter through the walls, and began to laugh, and pretty soon everyone - pupils and teachers - were laughing uncontrollably, and school was adjourned.

"Remember, virtually none of them had a clue wby they were laughing." Dr. Holden said in an interview, recounting a report io the Central African Journal of Medicine. "It was delirious laughter turning contagious.'

home laughing and when their parents saw them, they, 100, were infected. 'Next day, they were all laughing so hard that nobody was able to go to school or work," Dr. Holden

Then the children went

was infected. Over a period of two weeks it spread to

oeighbouring villages. "Finally the Red Cross was called in because people were collapsing from exhaustion and dehydration. There have been similar incidents in Africa, but this was the longest laughter epidemic on record."

And as Dr. Holden is telling this, he begins to laugh, his interviewer

And begins to laugh also. And each asks the other what's so funny. But neither can say.

"This is incredible," says the psychologist wbo set up Britaio's first National Health Service (NHS) Laughter Clinic. "Wouldn't it be terrific if

this were something we could get from a pill or an injection? I'd love it. That would just be wonderful." Unfortunately, says Dr. Holden, while laughter is

itself medicinal — one of his books is entitled, Laughter. The Best Medicine — it cannot be prescribed.

Nor is it as spontaneous or infectious in the West as in

roses about always being in control and coping."

We're all born with the capacity to laugh, he says. It's just that in the West we are fold early on not to. One of the saddest things

that happens to us in life." be says, is that at around the age of six or seven, we are told by teachers in school to stop laughing and be seri-

Research bas shown that children smile on average 400 times a day, adults only 15. Children laugh 150 times a day, but by the time they grow up it's down to

"There is something wholesomely anarchistic about laughter," he said. You cannot be cootrolled when you're laughing. It's easy to control a miserable

person."

So Dr. Holden, in books, Laughter Clioic, international seminars, and as stress consultant to the BBC. NHS, Citibank, Sony UK, British Telecom, the Body Shop and other firms, endeavours to teach folks to grow back their amputated funny bones.

It's not easy, he says. Far

noises which embody it. laughter, like love, is the most baffling of phenomena. Trying to get a grip on it is to wrestle with clouds.

"It's totally illogical," he says. "The barder you work at it the more elusive it

"Laughter is a symptom of joy and bappiness," he do is try to teach people how to be more joyful, happier, less stressful. We help them to define what happioess is for them. It's differeot for everybody.

There is hard medical evidence, he says, that laughing relaxes muscle tension and reduces stress in the human nervous system.

"We breathe deeper when we laugh, inhale more oxygen, increase blood flow throughout the body. And when we laugh, the body releases endorphin chemicals, the body's oatural pain-killers."

In other words, laughing makes you feel good.

"It can't solve situations for you," says the psychologist. "But it can position you better to handle them. the Third World, where more than the sum of That's the key."

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Dr. William Catalona, a

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Mayo researchers say rise in prostate cancers due to screening

By Lindsey Tanner

The findings should be reassuring to men, said Dr. Steven J. Jacobsen, who reported the findings in the Journal of the American

The increase in diagnosed cases of prostate cancer "means it's probably not something out in the environment, something that we're doing lifestyle-wise. It's probably just due to the testing," he said. "We're detecting cases that had not previously come to medical attention.

The new PSA, or prostatespecific antigen, test can detect cancers that would otherwise have gone undiagnosed.

The test, introduced in

detects a prostate-produced protein. Elevated levels are a possible indicator of cancer, though a follow-up ultrasound and biopsy are used to make a definitive diagnosis.

Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota, examined the 1983 and 1992.

Led by Dr. Jacobsen, an epidemiologist, they looked at 511 cases diagnosed in those nine years in Olmsted County, Minnesota, home of the Mayo Clinic.

dence of prostate cancer The largest increase

occurred in 1988, when cent increase in incidence of there was a doubling from 1987, the year PSA testing was introduced. Among men 70 and older, the incidence declined after 1990. indication that PSA testing was helping diagnose patients at a younger age, the researchers said

Because most residents io the county are white and middle class, researchers cautioned that the findings might not apply to all settings.
But the results are similar

to a recent National Cancer Institute study of the incidence of prostate cancer from 1986 to 1991.

That study, reported in the Feb. 15 issue of the journal. said increased detection decades before definitive probably explains an 82 per

"It will probably be through PSA screening answers are at hand," they wrote.

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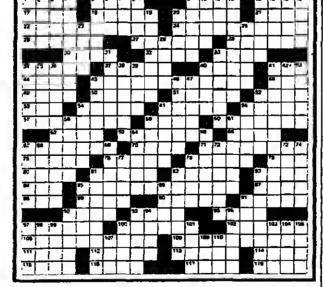
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The Associated Press

CHICAGO — The number of diagnosed cases of prostate cancer are rising not necessarily because of any decline in the health of American men, but because of a new blood test that can detect the disease early on, researchers say.

Medical Association.

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screening until 1994,

Annual PSA screening for prostate cancer — the nation's second-leading cancer killer of men — is now recommended for men 50 and older. Researchers at the Mayo

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Khmer Rouge ring horrors set for the Internet

By Leo Dobbs

ostate PHNOM PENH - A U.S.funded team investigation the crimes of Pol Pot's Khmer Rouge regime hopes to make the evidence of mass murder available on the Internet for the benefit of scholars, prosecutors and relatives of the dead.

The wealth of material will include baunting photographs of the victims of a torture centre and their final confessions, maps of mass graves and prisons, biographies of Khmer Rouge leaders and rare internal documents of the reviled 1975-79 regime.

The Cambodia Genocide Programme (CGP) has set up a local nongovernmental organisation called the Documentation Centre which has started compiling bibliographie, lacebo group geographic, biogrpahie and photographie databases, project consultant Helen

"We're boping that the database will be available on the Internet," the Australian academic said in a recent interview, adding that a home page bad been prepared but "we wouldn't expect to be doing that (with the Internet) until

Rare material set for inclusion includes minutes of the "party centre" euphemism for the Khmer Rouge politburo - from 1975 and 1976 and the historically valuable archives of Pol Pot's commerce ministry, said Ms. Jarvis.

"It's the only ministry archive that we've come across, we suspect there might be more," said the documentation consultant to Yale University's Cambodia Genocide Programme (CGP), which is funded by a \$500,000 U.S. State Department grant for 1995-

Mr. Jarvis has begun the database with 200 documeots from the trial in absentia of Pol Pot and his right-hand man leng Sary, which was conducted in 1979 by the socialist regime installed by Hanoi the same year and sentenced the two

to death for geoocide. CGP plans to augment this database with confessions extracted from Pol Pot's victims at the Tuol Sleng, or S-21, torture centre in Phnom Penb, papers from a provincial prison, the commerce archives and material discovered elsewhere or yet to be found.

"Now we're collecting more documents here... we're received very good cooperation from the government," the Australian academic said, adding that ministries and individuals. including co-premier Hun Sen, had provided docu-

The documentation centre is particularly keen on records of the Kbmer Rouge prepared by them-selves and which give evidence of their crimes, Ms.

Jarvis said, explaining that 'killing of Khmers is within our mandate."

"We ask everybody and look everywhere we can," said the senior lecturer at the University of New South Wales, adding that there might be documents in Vietnam that could be "immensely important for a historian... vital."

Vietnamese forces invaded Cambodia in Decem-ber 1978 and the following month ousted a regime that was responsible for the ear-ly deaths of an estimated one million people and some suspect the invaders took thousands of documents to Hanoi.

Hun Sen, a former Khmer Rouge cadre who told the CGP "he took some documents with him" on fleeing to Vietnam in 1977, has asked Hanoi to return all evidence of the Khmer Rouge terror.

The Internet service will also carry harrowing photo-graphic portraits of up to ,000 of the estimated 20,000 political enemies of Pol Pot who were tonured at Tuol Sleng before being trucked out to their deaths in the nearby killing fields.

"You bring up the picture on the computer screen and... if you know the identity of the person, tell us," Ms. Jarvis said, explaining that anyone recognising loved ones could write the name and send it in on the network to CGP in complete confidence.

The project received a further boost in September when the Australian gov-ernment donated \$20,000 "for mapping genocide sites, the graves, the prisons throughout the country."

The y will use documentary evidence in tandem with satellite data, a Computerised Geographic Information System (GIS) and possibly remote sensing to back charges that atrocities were systematically cooducted nationwide.

The CGP team, which won the grant against a strong field, sees the main aim of its work as helping to further understand the Khmer Rouge Period and mentality while fully aware that if a decision is taken to prosecute, its material would be crucial.

Ms. Jarvis said that documentation is "an underpinning for the research or any legal prosecution."

Lawyers bired by the U.S. State Department to look at possible legal op-tions for making Khmer Rouge leaders accountable for the horrors of the late 1970s, say there is enough evidence to try them on eharges of crimes against

Cambodians and research for publication, including studies on the experiences of different regions and different sectors of society, such as women, Muslims and Bnddhist monks, under Khmer Rouge rule.

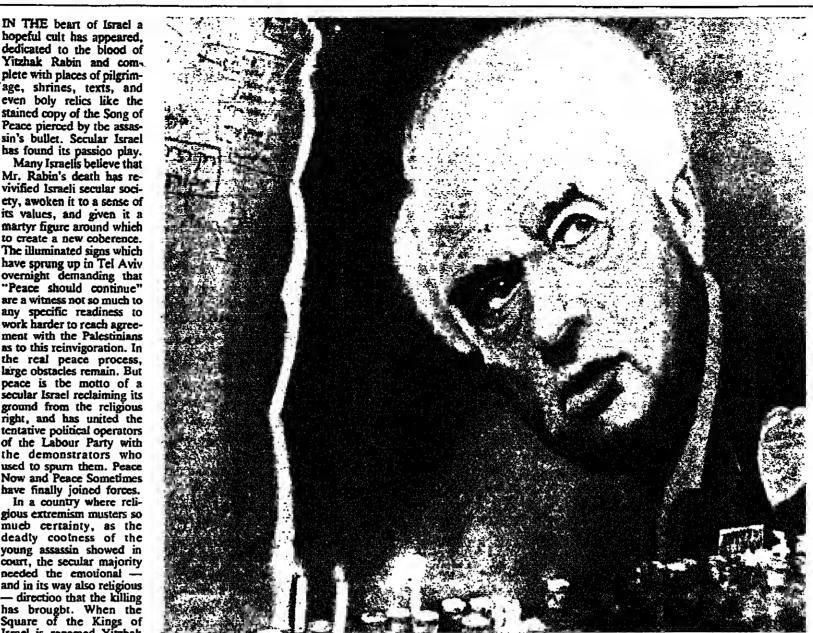
IN THE beart of Israel a hopeful cult has appeared, dedicated to the blood of Yitzhak Rabin and complete with places of pilgrimage, shrines, texts, and even boly relies like the stained copy of the Song of Peace pierced by the assas-sin's bullet. Secular Israel has found its passion play. Many Israelis believe that

Mr. Rabin's death has revivified Israeli secular society, awoken it to a sense of its values, and given it a martyr figure around which to create a new coberence. The illuminated signs which have sprung up in Tel Aviv overnight demanding that "Peace should continue" are a witness not so much to any specific readiness to work harder to reach agreement with the Palestinians as to this reinvigoration. In the real peace process, large obstacles remain. But peace is the motto of a secular Israel reclaiming its ground from the religious right, and has united the tentative political operators of the Labour Party with the demonstrators who used to spurn them. Peace

have finally joined forces. In a country where religious extremism musters so mueb certainty, as the deadty coolness of the young assassin showed in court, the secular majority needed the emotional and in its way also religious - direction that the killing has brought. When the Square of the Kings of Israel is renamed Yitzhak Rabin Square, at the urging of a Likud mayor of Tel Aviv, secular Israel will, in effect, have beatified the old soldier and politician. Mr. Rabin, except for the manner of his death, was not a likely saint. But his fate reminded Israelis of what bad been lost over the years and what challenges to their tradition they bad been prepared to tolerate for the sake of a quiet life or

The middle classes are out of their rut for the first time for years," the radical journalist Haim Baram says, "and there is a cult around which to organise, a great man to revere, sacred places in our cities to pro-tect and defend." Others speak of "groping for forms of mourning" and the re-surgence of the "religion of blue jeans and guitars" as young Israelis in particular converge on the sites, the square and the town hall in Tel Aviv, the prime minister's office and house in Jerusalem. The buge attendance of foreign lead-ers at Mr. Rabin's funeral has reinforced that "cult." The dismall but often performed Israeli song The Whole World Is Against Us has been replaced, thanks

for politicaal advantage.



Flickers of hope

Martin Woollacott reports that secular Israel is awakening and already beginning to recover moral ground from the religious right

in part to this enormous show of respect, with the Song of Peace, the aoti-war lyric by a soldier on the Sinai frootline more than 20

years ago.
Israelis have felt the long unaccustomed touch of in-ternational solidarity. "In three and a half days," says Baram, "this country has changed as much as in 10 years." In his view this means that the floating voters of Israel, from the relatively well-off, pragmatic centre, will vote for Labour in any election. Some will do it because of that pragmatism, some because they see themsevles as citizens of the world, and many more because Mr. Rabin's death

policies a heroic dimensioo. Attacks by Hamas and Islamic Jihad will not, be be-lieves, much inhibit that tendency. They will also be likened much more openly, as they never were before, with Jewish terrorism.

The view of Israel put forward by many observers in recent years bas been of a society making more and more mooey, busily privatising state assets and scaling down trade unions and social services along lines first laid down in Europe and America. The majority of people lived their increasingly individual lives. Many were religious but in the largely private way that bad become standard in the

West. In a sense they embodied the Zionist aim that Israel would eventually become a commal country, except that in their quest for oormalcy they avoided paying more than intermittent attention to the other Israel evolving.

The growing minority was critical of this allegedly hedonistic Israel and found its values io fundamentalist religion. One side shopped, the other prayed, fought, and sometimes killed. According to David Landau, author of a respected book on fundamentalist religion, the most notable way in which secular Israel oeglected its own values was in its consistent refusal to try to understand and

Sources close to Egyptian

security services believe a leader of the militant Jihad

organisation, Ayman Al

Zawahri, was behind the

attack. The Egyptian press

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says Zawahri lives in

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It is the third time an

armed Egyptian militant

group has claimed an attack

car-bomb attack in Croatia in

October and a failed attempt

to kill Egyptian President

Hosni Mubarak in Ethiopia

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counter the religious right. This was so even as the oational orthodox groups moved ioto institutions wbere they had previously been ooder-represented, like the army. The advance of the religious right was much less to do with parliamentary arithmetic, although that admittedly gave religious parties much leverage, than it was, Mr. Laodua believes, with "secular Israel's constant repression of its consciousness of the different mind

"I sometimes feel a more intellectually sincere attempt to noderstand Islamic fundamentalism has been made here," be says,

set of the religious right."

than has been made to understand Jewish fundamentalism. It was not a question of the ultraorthodox, the people with funny clothes," who in any case were mainly ocutral on territorial questions, "but of the ones that are part and parcel of life in the office, the shop, and the universi-ty." Mr. Landau speaks of what he knows, since his own son was a classmate of Rabin's assassin at Bar-Ilan University. The assassiti, Mr. Landau stresses, did not come out of any truly extreme background but from the "ordinary Modern Orthodox movement, whose youth wing is the biggest in Israel.

The partly veiled argument between the two main suggests that Likud created an atmosphere of incitement to murder, and Likud suggests that Labour provoked murder is thus irrelevant." The truth, Mr. Landau believes, is that one party played with a religious right that used them rather than the other way round, while the other preferred to ignore the probem. The historian Yeboshua Porath notes, like others, that at recent Likud public meetings, "the crowd controlled Likud. not Likud the crowd," and the crowd was virtually to a man from the religious

The issue of Jewish religious extremism was duck-ed after the Hebron massacre: It could be ducked again by two parties for whom, it is, in different ways, political dynamite. The peace process is even more problematical since. eveo with Mr. Rabin in place, the problems of a final agreement, which in-clude not only settlements but the status of Jerusalem and, most critical of all, the right of return, were always going to be huge.

The sense of a shift of direction in Israel is nevertheless beartening. Those who urge that there should be no more playing od games with religious extremists are being heard out. Those who say that even if a final settlement with the Palestinians is difficult to envisage, it is worth taking some more steps in the darkened room, are having their say. Those wbo want to be in the world rather than against it are in the ascendant. But wbat could turn out to be the most important change of all is that, secular Israel bas a renewed creed, marked out through the land by the little blue tins in which the memorial candles burn, around which to rally.

The Guardian

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(Continued from page 12) tion'... 'we are the victims of

his family," Mrs. Rabin said.
Mr. Arafat was not invited

"During the visit to our home. Arafat was very warm. He hugged my children and grandchildren and said that from now on we were part of

to the state funeral on Nov.

is not surprising," it said. tRNA did not explicitly refer

to the U.S. military presence

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Assad has phoned King Fahd

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He said that King Fahd

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Syrian President Hafez At

Woman held in Rabin case

but on Thursday secretly visited the Rabin family home in a Tel Aviv suburb to present his condolences. These declarations of

has given Labour and its

Yasser Arafat are part of his style, and come from two years of day and night negotiations to advance the peace process," she said.

Asked whether she was prepared to be a candidate on the Labour list in next year's general elections, she said she was "not ready to commit herself."

"For the moment I prefer to stay at home and let my voice be heard from there." Israeli Education Minister Amnon Rubinstein has urged pupils and parents to turn in teachers who try to spread extremist right-wing views in the classroom, officials said

Wednesday.
Mr. Rubinstein told a meeting of the parliament's education committee that they should "not be afraid" to report any teachers making inflammatory remarks after the assassination of Mr.

Rabin. He promised they would be suspended.

"In the past pupils and parents have been afraid to report cases because certain teachers have spread terror in the classroom," spokesman Joshua Amishav told AFP.

"If there are still people who have not understood that they should keep quiet in the current circumstances then we want pupils and parents not to be afraid to report them.

To be afraid of the fascists is to prepare for other dramas in this country.'

investigating three teachers who voiced support for the assassination. But he gave no details until the complaints from different schools have

Militants claim Egyptian killing reneatedly denied.

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sies worldwide. Alaeddin Nazmi, 42, a trade counsellor at the Egyptian U.N. mission, was shut six times late Monday in the basement car park of his apartment building in Geneva. Swiss authorities have launched a murder inquiry.

"A death sentence had been issued against him and the forces of the martyr Abilullah Azem carried out the sentence by kitting him with bullets." The group said.

The largest group, the Gamaa Islamiyah, claimed a Azem, a Palestuian, was one of the leading Islamic lighters who went to Alghauistan to fight occupying Soviet troops before he was killed in 1988.

in June.
The MENA news agency The statement warned that in Egypt said Nazmi, who is other death sentences had been passed against those survived by his wife and a "involved in the pursuit of Muslim cleries and the sons daughter, had served in a number of diplomatic misof the Islamic movement, and sions, including Washington and Hamburg. He had been stationed in Geneva since who have incited the governments in the countries where January 1994. they live to take action by accusing the Islamic move-

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Egyptian Amhassador to Switzerland Mounir Zahran ment of terrorism." It said it would target said Nazmi was robbed of his members of Egyptian dibriefcase but the theft could plomatic mis aons abroad inhave been a "camouflage" to vidveil in "redicus acts conhide the real reasons for the trary to Islam" that led to killing. young Muslims being tried The diplomat was hit by six before military courts and

bullets after parking his car in the underground gatage of the apartment building where he lived with his wife and four-month-old baby girl. Mr. Zahian told the Swiss

news agency the briefcase contained mostly documents telating to Nazmi's work at the U.N. Conference Trade and Development (UN-CTADI and a plane ticket for Morocco where he was meant to attend a trade seminar on Tuesday. "All trails are still open."

Mr. Zahran said.

Nazmi's body was discovered at 11 p.m. by another resident in the building.

Associations cry foul

(Continued from page 1) way to maintain their be-

nefits," he said. The prime minister insisted, however, that associations should not play the role of political parties.

... You cannot use these institutions (the associations) to further your political aims and your parties' aims," he said, adding that any measure the government would take to achieve its goal would comply with the law and the democratic orientation of the

But the opposition parties said they will not accept any interference in the associations' role, urging all professional groups to unite on the basis of the programme adopted by the national conference for protecting the homeland and fighting normalisation. That conference, which was stated for last May, was never held, due to a government ban on it, but there was a statement prepared for the end of the conference which reaffirmed the opposition parties' stand

against the peace agreement

"Protecting the professionprotecting the Constitution and the citizen's basic rights. democracy as well as projecting the country's independence in light of the implementation of the Wadi Araba treaty (the Oct. 26, 94 peace

parties' statement said. The parties reiterated their rejection of the peace treaty. which they insisted is not binding on them or the Jordanian people. "Protecting the country

agreement)," the opposition

and fighting normalisation with the enemy is a task for all the people. There is no alternative but to unite around that in these difficult times," the statement said.

The number of opposition parties which reject the peace process was reduced from 11 to nine after three of them, the Social Democratic Party, the Arab Democratic Pariv, and the Progressive Democratic Party, merged to form the Democratic Unionist Party, which was among the signatories to the statement.

Long U.S. budget

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due Wednesday by drawing up to \$61.3 billion from two

federal retirement funds. The action also would enable treasury operations to

continue unfil Jan. 2, when additional measures would be needed to avoid default. "These actions are extraordinary, they are costly in

many ways, but using this authority is immesurably pre-ferable to default," Mr. Rubin said.

"This is no way for a great nation to mange its financial affairs," he added.

The government shutdown was set in motion by presidential vetoes of bills lifting the debt ceiling and authorising stop-gap funding, but also containing budget-cutting provisions that the White House said were unaccept-

By Tuesday, the Republicans had reduced their demands to a commitment by the president to "the princiof approving a bill balancing the budget in seven years. But the White House held fast in the budget talks.

U.S. sees foreign role in Saudi blast

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An official Saudi spokes-

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The official Iranian news

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the Gulf" and "The Islamic Movement for Change." Saudi security forces continued to bar cars and pedestrians from the area around the U.S. Office for the Prog-ramme Manager of the Saudi Arabian National Guard. National Guardsmen de-

ployed immediately around the site while police patrolled the neighbourhood. The Pentagon said Tuesday that those who detonated the bomb had free access to the parking lot next to the building where they left a van

loaded with 70 to 100 kilogrammes of high explosives.

The Indian who was killed problems facing the country, was a cook in the building's the emergence of such a crisis

Palestinians celebrate 'independence'

on the geographical map," Mr. Abdul Rahim said referring to the accord which led to the May 1994 launch of autonomy in the Gaza Strip

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probably be re definitive and Jericho. Today we control Jenin after already having taken control of Gaza and Jericho. Tulkarem, Nablus, Ramallah, Hebron and Jerusalem will follow," Mr. Abdul Rahim added.

He thaoked Mr. Peres "for being committed to the peace process and implementing the second phase of the accord on Palestinian auton-

omv. Israeli police said Israel is to evacuate its police station in Nablus on Thursday as it nears the end of 28 years of

occupation. The 60 policemen in Nablus are to be withdrawn to the nearby Jewish settlement of Mevo Horon, said Moshe Levy, a senior police officer in the West Bank. He said Israeli police would soon also be pulled out

of Tulkarem.

According to Palestinian officials, the pullback from Nablus is due to be completed by Dec. 17.

Israeli soldiers on Tuesday loaded equipment out of their headquarters in Nablus into three waiting trucks and transferred control of the nearby prison of Farah.

He said the ministry was been checked out.

Foreign investors unshaken by Rabin murder

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (AFP) — Confidence in Israel remains high among foreign investors despite the assassinatioo of prime minister Yitzhak Rabin, the finance ministry said Tuesday.

"All the signs from the international financial community and the multinationals signal no change in their perception of Israel," said the director general of the treasury David Brodet.

Israel's business community had voiced fears after Rabin's death that it could affect the flow of foreign investment into the country. one of the biggest dividends for the Jewish state of the peace process.

Direct investments due to surpass a billion dollars this year, will continue at a similar level next year, Mr. Brodet said. In 1994 they reached \$600 million and \$300 million in 1993.

High technology remains the biggest draw for most foreign investors, especially the fields of telecommunications, software, and medical

engineering. The biggest Israeli industrial conglomerate Koor Mon-day "easily succeeded in raising \$120 million on the U.S. financial markets," Mr. Brodet said.

The operation, which went

ahead unaltered after Rabin's that the balance of payments assassination on Nov. 4, was even three times oversub-

A record nomber of 43 European, U.S. and Japanese banks are to take part Thursday in a syndicated loan to Israel of 350 million German marks (\$250 million) in London-based transaction led by the U.S. Chemical Bank and Israel's Leumi

The U.S. rating agency Monday's two weeks ago up-graded Israel's rating from B. to A-. "It did not consider it necessary to change the decision after the death of Yitzhak Rabin."

Israel's gross national product (GNP) is set to reach \$87 billion in 1995, a per capita figure of \$15,000, making Israel one of the 20 richest countries in the world in terms of per capita income. The GNP bas increased at

an average annual rate of six per cent since 1990, one of the highest rates io the industrial world.

Unemployment has falleo to 6.5 per cent in 1995 compared with 11.4 per cent in 1992 and inflation is expected to level at eight per ceot this year compared with 14.5 per cent in 1994, according to treasury figures.
Mr. Brodet said however,

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picture was not so healthy with an deficit expected to reach a record \$4 billion this year compared with \$2.5 billion in 1994.

"It is not a structural problem, rather it shows the weakness of the dollar which bas handicapped Israeli exporters," be explained.

The budget deficit would be limited to 2.5 per ceot of the GNP in 1996, be said, ddown from 2.7 per cent this year and 6.4 per cent in 1990. We are cootiouing a very strict fiscal policy." Turning to privatisations, Mr. Brodet said that 20 per

cent of the controlling shares in the Hapoalim bank, the eouotry's main financial establishment, would be floated on the market next year. The privatisation of the telecommuoications com-

pany Bezek was also con-

But to defend the annual \$3 billion received in U.S. aid, Mr. Brodet stressed the country's large defence budget which takes op eight per cent of the GNP, down on 13 per cent 10 years ago and 19 per cent 20 years ago.

He also bighlighted the cost of integrating new immigrants which have increased the country's popula-tion by a fifth in six years.

Arab Gulf countries split over customs union

RIYADH (AFP) — Six Arab Gulf oil producers seeking to merge their economies were split Tuesday over setting up a customs union that could form the nucleus of their planned common market and open the way for a free trade pact with the European Union (EU).

Ending an emergency meeting in Riyadh, the finance and economy ministers from the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) acknowledged their failure to reach agreement on unifying their customs tariffs just a month before their leaders bold their annual summit in Mus-

"We have decided to present our differing views to the upcoming summit," Bahrain Finance and Economy Minister Ibrahim Abdul Karim told reporters after the brief meeting at Riyadb interna-tional airport.

"There are still some differences in the positions of member states towards this issue. As a result, the ministers decided to discuss the subject at other meetings. We have not reached any agreement at present," he

His statements followed optimism that the six members were about to announce the establishment of a customs union after they completed the elassification of most imported products which could be either taxed

or exempted Mr. Abdul Karim did not elaborate on the differences but GCC states impose widley varied customs on foreign imports, with some members levying high duties and others sticking to low tariffs.

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French premier announces new tax to cut welfare deficit

PARIS (AFP) - Prime Minister Alan Juppe announced politically sensitive reforms of France's welfare system Wednesday, including a new tax intended to

save it from, bankruptcy. Mr. Juppe announced the plan to parliament which will be asked for a vote of confidence later Wednesday. With his huge conservative majority in parliament, Mr. Juppe was expected to win the vote easily.

The prime minister also said he was delaying application of a new benefit for the elderly who depend on nursing care at home, which was one of President Jacques Chirac's election campaign

Mr. Juppe announced a new tax of 0.5 per cent to wipe out the social security system's accumulated deficit of 230 billion francs (\$46 bil-

The tax would apply to interest on savings and unemployment pay, currently exonerated, and other social security benefits as well as salaries and unearmed in-

The package was wel-comed on the Paris Bourse, where the CAC-40 index, which had been up one per cent before Mr. Juppe's speech, gained another 1.36 per cent to 1.881.57 points. On the financial market, the franc firmed slightly to 3,5545 against the mark compared with 3.5565 earlier.

The finance ministry for its part said households would have to fork out an extra 32,1 billion francs (\$6.4 billion) in 1996 and 39.9 billion francs in the following year to pay for the package.

Mr. Juppe said his reform package was "global, ambi-tious, innovative and balanced." adding "we are going to succeed in doing something which no-one has dared to do for 30 years."

He stressed that his government's main objective remained jobs, but said the fight against deficits was inextricably linked with the fight against unemployment.

"My main objective, as I have said since May, is jobs. The fight against joblessness and the fight against deficits are one and the same fight. The deficit of today is the joblessness of today, and the ioblessness of tomorrow," he stressed.

The prime minister also said non-resident foreigners would have to pay in advance for hospital treatment, except in emergency.

The prime minister added he was ruling out an increase in renrement pension contributions but that family allowances would be taxed from 1997 in the framework of an overall tax reform. Mr. Juppe said that special treatment would be given to poor families and those with many children.

Mr. Juppe said there would be an annual budget ceiling for health care, to be voted by parliament, which would require a reform of the con-

"Such a change requires a revision of the constitution. It will be the keystone of the reform," Mr. Juppe said. adding it would be "the founding act" of a new social security system. Mr. Juppe put his political

future on the line when he unveiled the reforms in the teeth of widespread social unrest, including threats of a new general strike.

The plan was seen as a key test of the premier's authority six months after he took office following Mr. Chirae's

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presidential victory last May.

Mr. Chirae has said reducing public deficits is a prerequisite for his "priority of priorities" - unemployment. It is also essential if France is to meet eriteria needed for joining a European single

currency in 1999. Mr. Juppe said the 1996 deficit would be cut from an estimated 61 billion francs (\$12.2 billion) to 17 billion francs. The system would be in surplus by 1997, given con-tinued economie growth. Mr. Juppe said.
The prime minister said

that a special and temporary effort would be asked of doctors and the drug industry. But elements within Mr.

Juppe's ruling rightwing ecalition have serious reservations about his reform package. Former premier Edouard Balladur had warned against excessive new levies, stressing that the deficit must be cut by making economies rather than new

On Wednesday, the prime minister appealed to Mr. Balladur and his supporters to back the reforms. Mr. Juppe heeded criticism from Mr. Balladur by postponing ap-plication of the new allowance for the dependent elderly until Jan. 1, 1997.

Mr. Juppe will also face attacks from the labour unions, who staged a day of action Tuesday which saw tens of thousands of protestors take to the streets in some 80 cities nationwide.

France's biggest independent union, Force Ouvriere (F.O.), has called for a general strike later this month to protest the welfare

you in your efforts. THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME by Henri Arnold and Mike Arginton

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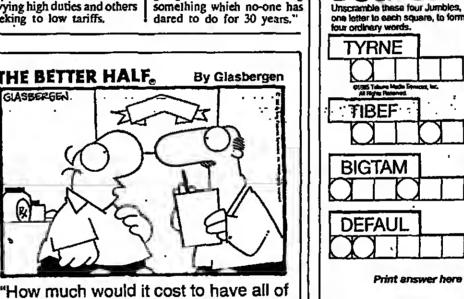
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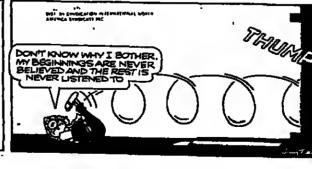
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Stop daydreaming and get those duties completed for your mate in a very gracious way. Handle any business affairs which come MOON CHILDREN: (June 22 to

July 21) Be with persons who are practical and can be of help to you today and forget the emo-tional ones who could be upset-LEO :(July 22 to August 21) If

you are consistent at your career activities, you get fine results today. Discuss your mutual duties with a fellow associate. VIRGO: (August 22 to September 22) This is a good day to make arrangements for pleasur-able activities with your loved ones for tonight. Handle your business affairs wisely. LIBRA: (September 23 to Octo-

ber 22) There is an abundance of duties to be handled at home today so plan to do them. Try not to disagree with a family tie if possible. SCORPIO: (October 23 10

November 21) This is a fine day today for handling practical mat-ters and correspondence wisely and efficiently. Be happy at home this evening with loved SAGITTARIUS: (November 22 to December 21) Get busy at

practical and money affairs today and you can get excellent results from your efforts which will be ooticed by those io charge. CAPRICORN: (December 22 to January 20) In your spare time today, work those angles which will gain you your personal de-sires. Get good friends to assist

AQUARIUS: (January 21 to February 19) Get caught up with the odds and ends of duties which are important to you today, though not very much fun and you will be quite successful. PISCES: (February 20 to March 20) Be with good pals during spare time today and enjoy mutual interests. Stick to usual entertainments which have given

Birthstone of November: Topez - Tiger's Eye

TAURUS: (April 20 to May 20) You can easily charm an influential person today if you desire backing for some project which can also profitable to him or her. GEMINI: (May 21 to June 21) Become cognizant of varying cooditions around you today which can help you to expand your interests and activities for

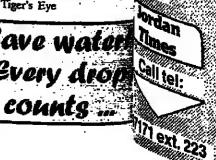
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by all of us as that will truly benefit the country and the banking system," Mr. Bassile said shortly before his reclection for a second term as association president.

"It is not permissible that we give rates on foreign currencies far from what is being adopted in international markets to which we are open and deal with heavily," Mr. Bassile added.

"Competition should be based on the quality of services to clients not by fighting through interest rates," he

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over the AFM's performance, he stressed that In 1952, there were 800 workshops and all indicators point to an improvement in plants in the country, but the number had economic performance and hoped that declimbed to 20,000. Also the number of indust- mand for shares will pick up in the foreseable rial shareholding companies jumped from future.
only three in 1952 to 83 companies at present. Senior banker and economist Mufleh Age

Other statistics show that the gross domes- attributed the weak AFM performance to the tic product in 1952 amounted to JD 86 million lack of liquidity as a result of the stringent whereas the figure now stands at JD 4,226.2 monetary policy being implemented by the million. Exports which totalled JD 1.53 mil- Central Bank to protect the Kingdom's forelion had risen to JD 794 million. The produc- ign currency reserves and to control undesired tion of phosphate climbed from 2,500 tonnes ctedit expansion. He pointed out that other to 4.2 million tonnes. There was no cement factors, such as the psychological barrier and potash, production in 1952 but now which has been broken and the economic Jordan's output of those two products summit which ended with great success, have amounts to 3.1 million tonnes and 550,000 been settled except the liquidity shortage, tonnes respectively. In addition, Jordan's which, according to Mr. Agel, remains the production of woolen textiles, medicines and direct cause for the retreat at the stock

Mr. Agel explained that liqudity is usually The Amman Chamber of Industry reviewed directed to the secondary market but, with the the industrial developments over the past four availability of new issues, investors prefer to years noting that industrial investments be- go to the primary market. Also, he said, the tween 1990 and 1994 totalled JD 475 million, increase in the number of companies at the 52 per cent higher than all investments in secondary market from 80 to 150 has resulted other sectors combined. The statistics showed in higher supply against weak demand. that the capital of all new companies reg- Another pressure on share prices, Mr. Aqei istered in 1994 amounted to JD 410 million said, was the request of the new companies to while the amount in 1990 was only JD 46 shareholders to pay other instalments of the million with the industrial sector accounting capital as well as opening letters of credit to for more than 50 per cent of the capital. The import machinery and equipment causing total of capital invested in Jordan from 1991 funds to be siphoned away from the secondary

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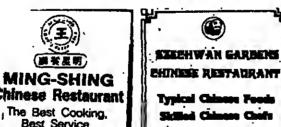
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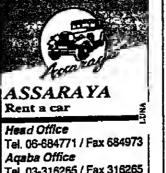
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NHF to hold celebrations at Jubilee School premises

ON THE occasion of the Kingdom's celebrations of His Majesty the King's 60th birthday, the Noor Al Hussein Foundation (NHF) will be holding a two-day celebrations at the Jubilee School's premises. The celebrations will include a live demonstration of NHF's projects and programmes. It includes basket and jewelry making; paper making; fabrie and cloth making on looms; broom-making; nug-weaving on loom; pottery-making; clinical check-up by the Institute for Child Health and Development; a live improvisation by the Theatre-in-Education programme and a concert by the National Music Conservatory.

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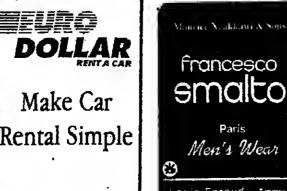
and Mother Clubs: a lecture on traditional home restoration and debates on contemporary issues will also take place during the event. The Jubilee School's students will uso present a computer show, their own artistics productions; songs and plays.

These celebrations which will be held on Thursday and Friday, the 16th and 17th of November, 1995 from 10:00 n.m. till 4:00 p.m. will give people an idea of the foundation which owes its success to the continued support of His Majesty the King and Her Majesty Queen Noor who presides the NHF's board of trustees.





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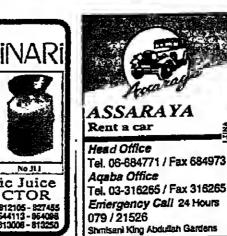


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Will Tomba race?

VAIL. Colorado (R) - Will he or won't he? (laboratory test animal) for the racer's pro-Only Alberto Tomba knows for sure and the test," said Paul Major, head of a U.S. ski Italian skiing star isn't lalking - at least not team hoping the event will play well to an for a few more days.

The first major race weekend of the World been difficult to attract to ski racing. Cup ski season begins on Vail mountain on Thursday with, unsurprisingly, a major con- for the women, who saw last Saturday's troversy that is centred, equally unsurprisingly, around Tomba.

A boycott threat by the defending men's women's tours in a total of four races at this Rocky Mountain resort.

using a controversial starting order. Months succeed Schneider. dated a reverse-30 rule for slalom and giant slalom races, meaning that the leader after the first run of a race would start 30th and last for the second.

Top races such as Tomba were ungered. saying many courses would deteriorate under the pounding of so many skis, effectively penalising the leaders for their good early

Tomba and Austrian star Guenther Mader stayed away from the season-opening giant slalom last Sunday at Tignes, France.

Tomba used the time to complete his training at Mammoth Mountain, California. Many have suggested he made his decision cial snow a week prior to the race. But 18 not out of principle but because he was inches (45 centimetres) of new snow and a run ill-prepared and because the rigours of travel to Tignes and then to Vail weren't to his liking.

Since course deterioration in the giant slalom isn't usually a problem, and since the men may use Vail as an opportunity to put women typically don't dent a course as much their heads together before deciding what as men, the crunch will come at Sunday's action to take.

slalom, an event that is Tomba's speciality. The Vail programme hegins with a women's Super G on Thursday, followed by men's Utah." Mayer said. giant slalom Friday, women's slalom Saturday, and then the concluding men's slalom. Both slaloms will be on neighhournig Beaver Creek Mountain, where technical events were run during the 1989 World Championships. boycotts, nobody cares." Major said. "But if

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Thursday's race will be the season opener scheduled giant slalom at Tignes blown away by bad weather.

That delayed the chase to succeed Switzer overall champion is overshadowing a rare land's incomparable Verni Schneider as overcombined appearance of the men's and all champion. After 11 World Cup seasons Schneider retired with her third title.

Katja Seizinger of Germany, a close Tomba has threatened to hoycott races runner-up last seson, is the favourite to

> In the absence of Tomba and Mader. Michael Von Gruenigen of Switzerland won the men's opener, edging Lasse Kjus of Norway and Urs Kaelin of Switzerland.

> While Vail officials worry about the possible disruption of their showcase event, the entire matter may be settled by course prepa-

> ration and uncertain weather. Ski federation rules provide that the race iury may elect to revert to the former reverset5 format if they believe snow conditions are unfavourable.

> Vail is known for its impeccable grooming. and the course was well-prepared using artifiof warm weather cast doubt on the course's stability just two days from the start.

> Austrian giant slalom standout Christian Mayer, another critic of the new rule, believes

> "I believe you'll see a press conference and a statement the following week at Park City.

> But no one can predict the oftenindependent actions of Tomha, who ultimately holds the key.

"If Tomha races and everyone else "I just hope our race isn't the guinea pig he doesn't race, it becomes a very hig deal.

in dummy and ted the queen of spades, covered by the king and taken with the acs. Here the declar-

er's paths diverged. Where Crawford sat East, declar-

er continued with a trump. Craw-ford won the jack and underted his heart honors. He was fortunate to find West with the nine of hearts, and the diamond return was rulfed

At the other table Sam Staymer

At the other table Sam Staymen found a pretty avoidance play. After winning the ace of spades, South continued with the king, ace and jack of clubs. When East covered with the queen, declarer discarded his remaining heart rather than roff. Now there was no way for West to gain the lead, and declarer lost only one trump, one heart and one club.

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values, and the North hand is cer-tainly worth a raise to game.

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Zimbabwe to replace Nigeria in tournament

JOHANNESBURG (R) — Zimbabwe will replace Nigeria in a four-team international soccer tournament in South Africa which starts this weekend, officials said on Wednesday. The invitation to Nigeria for the four nations cup was withdrawn by the South African Football Association (SAFA) on Monday in protest at the execution of writer Ken Saro-Wiwa and eight other human rights activists last Friday. Zimbabwe agreed on Tuesday to step in as replacements for the African champions.

Former Chinese champion to represent Japan

TOKYO (AFP) - Former Chinese world table tennis champion Chire Koyama will represent Japan at the Atlanta Olympics next year, the Japan Table Tennis Association said Wednesday. Koyama, last year's Asian Games gold medallist, became a naturalized Japanese citizen after marrying an official of the Osaka Table Tennis
Association, Hideyuki Koyama. She relired in 1989 after
being dropped from the Chinese national team for the
Seoul Olympic Games in 1988 despite her victories at the
1987 world championships in New Delhi and Asian
championships three times under her Chinese name of He

New stadium to replace Roker Park

LONDON (R) — Sunderland are set to leave their famous Roker Park ground after 97 years for a new 34,000-capacity all-seater stadium, the club's owner Bob Murray announced on Tuesday. After several years of talks, the north-east club have been given the go-ahead by the Tyne and Wear Development Corporation to build the 14.0 million pounds (\$21.83 million)stadium on the site of the former Wearmouth Colliery. It is due to be ready by August 1997.

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Dan Marjerle, of the Cleveland Cavaliers. makes his move towards the basket guarded by Chuck Person, of the San Antonio Spurs.

during third quarter action at Gund Arena. Nov. 12. The Spurs won, 34-81 (Reuters

Hardaway leads Magic past Bulls

ORLANDO (R) - Penny Hardaway picked up the Shaq slack again on Tuesday. Hardaway scored 36 points and Nick Anderson and De-

nnis Scott added 16 apiece as the Orlando Magic used an 11-5 surge at the end of the game to hand the Chicago Bulls their first loss, 94-88. Chicago (5-1) was the league's last unbeaten team.

Hardaway shot 12-of-18 from the field and 4-of-7 from three-point range for Orlando (6-1), which extended its home winning streak to 35 games against Eastern Conference teams. Earlier in the day, Hard-

away was named player of the week as the Magic got off to the best start in franchise history - without their injuried superstar centre Shaquille O'Neal.

"If we keep playing like this and get the big fella back. it's going to be scary." Scott said. "(Hardaway) played like the all-star that he is. He knew coming into the game that he had to force the issue and he made them work in the post all night long." Michael Jordan scored 23

points and Pippen added 17 for Chicago. Pippen had 11) rehounds and six assists for the Bulls, who were climinaled hy the Magic in six games in last season's conference semifinals.

'Michael and Scottie they always bring out the hest' in any team." Hardaway said. "They hrought out the hest in us tonight.

"I think he's gained a lot of confidence offensively." Jordan said of Hardaway, "Defensively. I don't think he differs much. His repertoire of moves has really expanded in the sense that he's more confident in his moves inside and outside.

Toni Kukoc had 16 points and eight rebounds for Chicago, which had a 44-38 edge in rebounds despite the absence of four-time rehound champ Dennis Rodman, who was placed on the injured list with a strained calf earlier in the

In Atlanta, Stacey Augmon scored five of his season-high 20 points in the final two minutes as the streaking Hawks scored the last nine points in a 111-104 victory over the Charlotte

Mookie Blaylock scored 19 points and Grant Long added 16 for the Hawks (5-2), who have won four straight and are off to their best start since 1988. Larry Johnson scored 34

points and Glen Rice added 25 for the Hornets (3-4), who dropped to 0-4 on the road. In Millwaukee. Glenn Rohinson broke a slump with 36 points and triggered a 1.3-0 fourth-quarter run as the Bucks bear the San Antonio Spurs for the first time in four years, 98-84.

Eric Murdock added 12 points for the Bucks, who held the Spurs scoreless for five minutes in the fourth quarter.

Scan Ellion scored 31 points and David Rohinson added 26 and 15 rehounds for the Spurs (4-2), who had their four-game winning streak snapped. Glenn Robinson, the ead-

ing rookie scorer last season at 21.9 points per game, was averaging just 17.8 on 33 per cent shooting before scoring his season high. In Philadelphia, Shawn Kemp scored 29 points and

Hersey Huwkins had 21 as the Scattle Supersonics held off the 76ers 115-107 for their fifth win in six games. Gary Payton had 19 points and II assists for Seattle (5-

2), which beat Philadelphia for the sixth straight time. Rookie Jerry Stackhouse scored 27 points, including 14 in the fourth quarter, and Vernon Maxwell added 24 and eight assists for the 76ers

In Portland, Clifford Robinson scored seven of hise 36 points in a thirdquarter 13-3 spurt and Rod Strickland came within Iwo rebounds of a triple-double as the Trail Blazers defeated the New York Knicks 105-99.

Strickland had 25 points. 12 assists and eight rebounds. Chris Dudley had II ponits and 17 rebounds for Portland

points, 16 rebounds and six ster Suffers added 29 points for New York (5-2), which had a three-game winning streak snapped. At Golden State, Malik

Sealy scored 24 points as the like ... Los Angeles Clippers defeated the Warriors 118-106 for their third straight win. Lamond Murray scored 22 :

points and Brian Williams added 17 for Los Angeles., which had not won three consecutive games since a four-game streak in March

Latrell Sprewell scored 24 - the points for the Warriors (2-5). In Sacramento, Cedric Contraction Cehallos scored 31 points as make: the Los Angeles Lakers defended at the short-handed Kings ated the short-handed Kings 106-100 for just their second, at: -... win in six games.

Mitch Richmond scored 28% points for the Kings, who losf their second straight game; since a win over Indiana last! Friday

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There's never been a challenge this large." said charge of feeding the 15.000 thictes and coaches from 197 countries who will be staying at the Olympic vilge for the 1996 Summer

*We have to look at how teed all these people and give them things that are occustomed to their diet," Sprague said. "Now, we don't have 197 different menus but the menus are so extensive that we'll be able to fulfill the needs from the different continents around

There will be days when we may serve more fish for breakfast than we do eggs."

Sprague, who was senior executive chef at the 1980 Winter Olympics and has since worked many other in his career that culmary miscues. however, innoounds for por cent, can be unpleasant. "The first time you see an

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and spit it out because it's cold - it's something that we take for granted, but most of the world doesn't get milk cold," Sprague said, recalling a lesson he learned at the '80 Games. "Even within cultures,

there are subcultures and different eating habits." said Sprague, who has shuttled from his home in Cincinnati to serve as food director at the Olympic Vil-

For example, when fish is being served, it must be available in cooked. smoked and salted varieties. The bread hasket must have 22 different, types; for Europeans all must be toasted. A choice of 18 fruits per meat is not

And feeding Olympic athletes means catering to big appetites. The average athlete, during training and competition, consumes 10.000 calories a day, compared with 2,500 for the average adult male.

The most popular itent that crosses must cultural and national boundaries is pasta, said Sprague, who will need 60,000 pounds of

"We buy by the tonne,

not by the pound," Sprague

it during the Games. Sprague's domain next summer will be an 80,000square-foot dining hall to be huilt on what now is a parking lot at Georgia Teck. It will be open 24 hours a day and staffed hy

1.5(t) people. A maze of hist-food stations, pasta and salad hars. beverage dispensers and dessert tables will be able to serve up to 1,300 people every Itt minutes during peak hours. McDonald's, a sponsor of the Atlanta Games, will have a small

restaurant in one corner. Though the presence of McDonald's amid the gathering of supposedly health-conscious Olympians Itas drawn snickers from some quarters. Sprague said the fast food colossus has a rightful place. Athletes, watched closely

by their coaches, maintain a disciplined diet as they prepare for competition. "After the competition, they like to go for the ham-

burgers and French fries especially if they don't have a major competition right atterwards," Sprague said. "You find that they don't really replace it for a main meal hut more as an evening-type or snack

Gascoigne faces disciplinary hearing

GLASGOW (R) - England international Paul Gascoigne and three other players face a disciplinary hearing by the Scottish Football Association (SFA) following clashes during last Saturday's premier division match between Rangers and Aberdeen.

An SFA disciplinary spokesman said on Wednesday that the four players involved — Gascoigne, John Brown and Alan McLaren of Rangers and Aberdeen's Billy Dodds - had been asked to submit their comments on the incidents to an SFA disciplinary meeting next Mon-

The spokesman said the SFA had received a report from referee supervisor Don McVicar who wutched the 1-1 draw at Ibrox from the stand. Police are also investigat-

ing the incidents. Gascoigne, who was due to play for England in their. friendly against Switzerland at Wembley on Wednesday, has been booked six times since his 4.3-million-poundsterling (\$6.8-million) transfer to Glasgow from Rome side Lazio was completed in

> "No doubt about it." she immediately responded.

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But the most surprising

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satisfying to the 26-year-old

German who has grown up

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When asked if 1995 could

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Graf become only the third

woman to win all four Grand

Slam events in the same year and topped it off with an

Olympic gold medal, she did

not even have to think about

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Graf, who also won three of the four major titles in 1989 and 1993 before repeating the feat this year, said victories came too easily for her to really appreciate them when she was younger.

"Obviously a lot more is going on in my life than at that point in time," she said comparing her 1988 "golden slam" year with 1995.

"I think the competition has gotten a lot stronger and-I've had a lot of injuries. which made it even difficult. "So in looking at all the circumstances. I think that it was really difficult to pull it off and I didn't expect to, so I think it's a better year."

Steffi Graf shows off her U.S. Open trophy-one of three Grand Slams she captured in 1995 (AFP photo)

the Grand Stam twice.

Asked if this had been the best year of her career, she answered: "Of my career."

yes, definitely," Despite a schedule shortened by back and foot problems. Graf has won eight of the 10 tournaments she en-

She claimed her fourth French Open, sixth Wimbledon and fourth U.S. Open to bring her Grand Slam resume to 18 major singles titles -equal to the legendary Chris Evert and Martina Navratilo-

On Tuesday she called her 1995 U.S. Open victory the greatest of her career, based on her expectations rather

than the quality of play. Graf had been so upset and distracted by her father's recent imprisonment that she wasn't sure she was mentally prepared to make it through the first round, much less beat Monica Seles in an emotional three-set final.

"It's the most amazing tournament," she said. "Even in the Wimbledon that I played, which always meantthe most, I think this one topped it off."

Had she not been injured court again,' and forced to pass up the Australian Open, Graf could well have duplicated Rod always remember 1995 with

Laver's feat of completing great fondness. But she is ready to stick around for a "Obviously I would have

"I'm really looking for-ward to a holiday," she said. loved to play, but the way everything went, I can't ask for anything else. I've done all I could," said the world it to keep going."

number one. The escape from personal problems that tennis has afforded Graf this year has given her a renewed love of Fernandez dropped the

"I think a lot of things that happened this year ... made me realise how much I like the game and how much still there is to gain for me," said Graf, who clearly is entertaining no thoughts of retiring any time soon,
"I've got something that I

love doing and to be able to do it is a pleasure," said a beaming Graf, who was embarrassed by all the attention paid to her one-piece tennis dress. She had always competed in a skirt or shorts with a shirt.

However, she said it would not be the last time she dressed this way. "I did feel comfortable and it didn't bother me at any times, so you'll definitely see it on the

Even if Graf should lose her next match here, she will few more victories.

"But if you have such an incredible year, you just want In the quarter-finals, Graf

will face eighth-seeded American Mary Joe Fernan-

first set, then fought back to score a 3-6, 6-2, 6-3 victory over 13th-ranked compatriot Chanda Rubin, who on Monday was named most improved player during the annual WTA awards cere-Earlier on Tuesday, 14th-

ranked Brenda Schultz-McCarthy rode the biggest serve in women's tennis to a 6-2, 7-6 pounding of seventh seed Magdalena Maleeva of Bulgaria.
The Dutch powerhitter bombed in 10 aces and

numerous service winners with her fastest ace clocked at 113 miles per hour (182 kph). Malecva, a steady baselin-er, simply had no answer for the remarkable power of an opponent whose second serve

is harder than most of the

first serves on the women's 4

Deret in Muster suffers setback in quest for No. 1 spot

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group matches against Jim Courier and Swede Thomas Enqvist to clinch one of the top two places in the group and qualify for the semifinals.

Muster's defeat contrasted sharply with Sampras who opened his campaign with a businesslike 6-3, 6-3 victory over Russian Yevgeny Kafel-nikov in the other group.

Becket made an unconvincing start in front of his fanatical home supporters before battling back from be-hind to clinch a 4-6, 6-2, 7-6 victory over South African Wayne Ferreira, who filled the last place in the tournament following Agassi's withLeading prize-money winners as released by the ATP Tour on Monday:

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| 2. | Thomas Muster (Austria) | 2,462,979 |
| 3. | Andre Agassi (U.S. | 2,309,071 |
| 4. | Yevgeny Kafelnikov (Russia) | 1,335,311 |
| 5. | Boris Becker (Germany) | 1,308,108 |
| 6. | Michael Chang (U.S.) | 1,230,870 |
| 7. | Goran Ivanisevic (Croatia) | 1,022,862 |
| 8. | Wayne Ferreira (South Africa | 1,021,216 |
| 9. | Jim Courier (U.S.) | 971,102 |
| 10. | Richard Krajicek (Netherlands) | 925,822 |
| 11. | Paul Haarhuis (Netherlands) | 908,637 |
| 12. | Thomas Enqvist (Sweden) | 884,646 |
| 13. | Jacco Eltingh (Netherlands) | 845.571 |
| 14. | Todd Woodbridge (Australia) | 789,281 |
| 15. | Michael Stich (Germany) | 787,307 |
| 16. | Daniel Vacck (Czcch Republic) | 779,806 |
| 17. | Mark Woodforde (Australia) | 772,386 |
| 18. | Sergi Bruguera (Spain) | 758,044 |
| 19. | Magnus Larsson (Sweden) | 702,245 |
| 20. | Jonas Bjorkman (Sweden) | 681,582 |
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Woman held in Rabin murder probe

TEL AVIV (Agencies) -- Israeli police arrested Wednesday a 20-year-old woman sertler accused of playing a central role in a plot to kill Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin, police said. Margalit Har-Shefi was

arrested in the Beit El settlement close to Ramallah in the occupied West Bank, said police spokesman Eric Bar

At the court of Petah Tikva near Tel Aviv she was accused of playing "a main and central role in the conspiracy" and that she contributed to preparing Mr. Rabin's assassination, the police representative to the court said.

She is the eighth person being held for Rabin's assassinution on Nov. 4 including self-confessed murderer. Yig-

After Amir, his brother Hagai was the next to the arrested after the assassination, accused of supplying the

Five others suspected of belong to an extremist Jewish cell where then detained, including soldier Arik Schwartz. Dror Hadani, Ohad Skomik and Michael Erstein.

Schwartz's father was also held but later released. On Wednesday a court remanded Skorknik in custody for five days.

Meanwhile Avishai Raviv, the head of the extremist Eyal group with which Amir had links, was released on bail and placed under house arresi, police said.

Eval is an offshoot of the anti-Arah Kach movement banned after a Jewish settler gunned down 29 Muslims at



An Israeli police officer escorts two ultraorthodox Israelis to a Jerusalem court. The two were arrested for an attempt to desecrate the grave of the late Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin (AFP photo)

fore his assassination at a Tel

Police detained two reli-

gious Jews who desecrated

the grave of Mr. Rabin, a

"One of them spat on his

grave and the other one was

in the process of attempting

to relieve himself on the

grave," spokesman Bar-Chen

early twenties, were students

at a religious seminary. They

praise for the efforts made

toward peace by Palestinian

leader Yasser Arafat, saying

they offered more hope than

the actions of Israeli right-

Netanyahu.

wing leader Benjamin

Leah Rabin, in an inter-

view broadcast late Tuesday

by ABC television, said the

were arrested overnight.

He said the two, in their

Mr. Rabin's widow offered

police spokesman said.

ceives daily."

Aviv peace rally.

The courts also remanded extremist, David Balahsen. accused of publicly defending Amir a day after the mur-

The head of Israel's internal security services Shin Bet told a parliamentary subcommittee he accepted full responsibility for his agency's failure to protect Mr. Rabin.

The head of Shin Bet. whose name is held secret, said he was unable to predict the assassination, infiltrate groups that planned it or prevent it from happening. Israeli television said Tues-

He told a parliamentary subcommittee on security that he was prepared to take full responsibility before a Shin Bet internal inquiry commission, which bas yet to complete its report on the assassination.

He said Amir had mericulously prepared the assassination for two years and that at least two people knew of his plans: his brother Haggai and their friend Adami.

The security chief said that right-wing extremist Shlomo Halevy had warned Shin Bet of the planned assassination but he was not taken seriously because "only the most

peace process than the Likud serious warnings are ex-Party leader. amined among the bundreds that the security service re-The handshake two years

ago with (Rabin and) Mr. Arafat symbolised hope and He also said that a police officer, contrary to his agenthe beginning of a new road cy's recommendation, had that we embarked for peace." Leah Rabin said.
"A handshake with Mr. left his post in front of the podium where Mr. Rabin was making a speech shortly be-

Netanyahu I don't think presents hope for peace for most of us who believe in a certain way that peace can be achieved, can be manifested."

The prime minister's widow, who has blamed Mr. Netanyahu for the climate that led to her husband's assassination, has said she shook hands with the opposition leader at Mr. Rabin's funeral to avoid a public

By contrast, she received Mr. Arafat in her family home privately and said later the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) leader had "adopted" the family of the slain prime minister. She told ABC that Mr.

Netanyahu in public debates in parliament "used words like 'this prime minister is a lunatic," 'this prime minister has lost a sense of direc-

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Palestinian leader had done more for the Arab-Israeli

Israeli forces detain Lebanese vessel

fishing boat in the southern port of Naqoura after seizing it in Lebanese territorial waters, a fisherman said here on Wednesday. Hussein Abed Taha told AFP an Israeli gunboat opened fire on his fishing hoat on Tuesday two kilometres 13.4 miles) off the coast of Tyre. Sixteern other vessels nearby returned to port while Taha and two other fishermen were instructed by the Israeli forces to destroy their nets and follow them. "When we refused they opened fire at us and towed our boat five nautical miles further away. They held us there for about nine hours and then towed us to Nagoura, searched us, took our fish away and then ordered us to walk back to Tyre." Taha said. "They kept our boat and told us to inform the other fishermen that should they ever go beyond a two-kilometre limit south of Tyre, they will be arrested and not released." he added. Nagoura is about 15 kilometres south of Tyre. Israel's proxy militia. the South Lehanon Army (SLA). controls a small port there near the headquarters of U.N.

PLO holds 5 who planned to kill Arafat

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM (R) - Palestinian police in the Gaza Strip arrested five people linked to the Ahu Nidal militant group who planned to assassinate Yasser Arafat, a Palestinian security official said on Wednesday. The official, who declined to be named, said the five came to Gaza from Lihya and Algeria. He said they were arrested a few days ago and security around Mr. Arafai had been stepped up. The Abu Nidal group violently opposes peace moves with Israel. Last year Palestinian police said they arrested several members of the group who planned to kill

Morocco arrests more than 2,000 for corruption

recent days for trying to corrupt paramilitary gendarmes by offering them bribes, the official Moroccan news agency MAP reported. It said the arrests were made in the 10 days to Nov. 10 and those arrested were given prison sentences ranging from one month to four months and fined up to 1.000 Moroccan dirhams (\$20). It is not uncommon in Morocco to offer tips to tow-paid functionaries and. gendarmes in order to get off paying fines or customs duties. The practice is generally tolerated although the government has taken lougher action recently to curb corruption and smuggling, which is costing the state millions of dollars in lost revenue from import duties.

Egyptian goes on trial under new press law

CAIRO (AFP) - The first journalist to be tried for defamation under a controversial new press law appeared in court here Wednesday Magdi Ahmad Hussein, editor of the Islamist bi-weekly Al Shaah, was accused of publishing an article in Juy libelling Alaa Hassan Al Alif, the son of the interior minister. The court adjourned the case until Dec. 2ll after a lawyer for the journalists' union said it was going to challenge the law in the Constitutional Court. The union has bitterly opposed the legislation, which introduces jail terms of up to 15 years for defamation. Mr. Hussein told AFP the trial had "political aims because the government wants to take revenge for criticism I made in my articles, and to apply pressure. "It also wants to send a message to all journalists that they face problems if their criticism goes beyond tolerable limits." He added: "The government thinks that Al Shaab steps over the limits of freedom given to the opposition and breaks the rules of the game which allow reports on curruption on condition that those involved are not named."

Monitors satisfied Algerian presidential poll will be fair

ALGIERS (Agencies) - International observers monitoring Algeria's first multiparty presidential election said Wednesday they were satisfied that the poll would

be free and fair. All three teams of monitors from the United Nations, the Arab League and the Organisation of African Unity (OAU) said they were happy with the preparations for the election on Thursday.

Tight security surrounds the poll in the face of threats of violence from Islamic extremists who have fought a bloody civil war with the authorities that has left more than 40,000 dead since 1992. Hussein Al Kamel, a for-

mer Egyptian diplomat heading a seven-member U.N. delegation here, told AFP; "The authorities here are being very open with us. We are following up all the information they give. We are satisfied that everything is being done correctly.

There was a similar message from the OAU. although press reports said Wednesday that its delegacrease from 12 million to 16 million in the number of voters which Algeria has registered since 1992.

However, Sarao Toko, an OAU observer from Angola. said: "I don't see any prohlems. We are very happy with the way things are going.

The authorities have said the large rise in the number of voters can be explained by Algeria's rapid birth rate and the number of people who have come of age in those .The 44-member Arab

League mission was preparing Wednesday to send its monitors out to 24 of the country's 48 provinces to ensure the election was conducted properly. Ali Abdul Karim, assistant

secretary general of the league and the team's leader here, said: "We have had several meetings with the Algerian committee supervising the election and met the candidate's representatives.

We are satisfied that the preparations have been conducted properly. It is a free election." he added. "The

planation for the massive in- Algerian media here has given coverage to all the

Many Algerians said meanwhile they were sick of the violence ravaging their country, suggesting many would turn out to vote in the elec-

Some expressed hope the poll would be a first step towards ending the four-yearold conflict that has killed up to 40,000 people but others feared Islamic militants would launch attacks to disrupt voting.
"We are sick and tired of

the violence," a taxi driver told Reuters in the Algerian

"I hope the election will lead to change; change in the security situation, which means the ending of terrorism and change in the social and economic situation," he

An apparently distant blast was heard at 1005 a.m. 10905 GMT) in Algiers but there were no details on its cause or locarion. Hours later. Algeria's official media had not reported any incident.

Time pressing for peace deal with Syria - Beilin

Economy Minister Yossi Beilin on Wednesday warned time was running out to reach a peace deal with Syria ahead of a visit by U.S. Middle East envoy Dennis Ross.

"With the Syrians we have very short while ... my estimation is several months," Mr. Beilin told the Foreign Press Association in Jerusalem.

Mr. Ross is due in Israel on Sunday in a renewed bid to break the deadlock in the negotiations between the Jewish state and Syria which ground to a halt in June after military chiefs-of-staff failed to make a breakthrough in security talks.

Acting Israeli Prime Minister Shimon Peres has sent Mr. Ross and U.S. Secretary of State Warren Christopher messages about the talks, and has predicted that a comprehensive peace including Syria

was possible by 2000.

He called late Tuesd his first full-length interview with Israeli television for a broader dialogue with Syria. "We have to talk on other

By Rana Husseini

Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN - Two journalists

of Al Bilad weekly who were

detained Monday on charges

of tamishing the image of

Islam and denied bail twice

Wednesday evening, the pub-

lisher of the weekly. Nayef

Al Bilad editor Khaled

Kasasbeh and cartoonist Usa-

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ter the leader of the Muslim

Brotherhood movement.

Abdul Majid Thuneibat, filed

a complaint accusing the

weekly of publishing cartoons

that tarnish the image of

Islam and make contempt of

religion.
Mr. Thuneibat usserted

that the weekly violated the Press and Publications Law

that prohibits the printing of

any material that invokes

Militants

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CAIRO (AFP) - An Islamie

militant group calling itself

the "Gamaa of International

Justice" un Wednesday

claimed responsibility for the

murder of an Egyptian trade

official in Geneva and

warned of more attacks

The previously unknown

group said in a statement to a

toreign news agency here.

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levels than the military, to and annexed in 1981.

foresee the whole range of problems and come up with new ideas. We will do all we can to renew the dialogue." But Mr. Beilin was more

pessimistic; "I am not sure that they have taken a big decision to make peace. Somehow they are hesitating. I do not see a strategic decision to make peace with us." He said the past three

years had been spent discussing only matters of procedure using the United States as a go-between. "Had the Syrians been ready to discuss directly with us in a high level it could have

been very different, but it is not the case," hew said. He warned the steps already taken could end in an impasse with Israeli elections due in November 1996 and the United States also preparing to go to the polls next

security arrangements to accompanay an Israeli withdrawal on the Golan Heights. captured by Israel in 1967

Al Bilad editor and cartoonist

freed on bail, will face charges

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ding an apology which he promised he will run in the

"He did not." Mr.

Thuneibat added. "Instead,

the same cartoon was pub-

lished again and again but

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MADRID 1R) — Spanish Foreign Minister Javier Sola-

na carefully edged closer to hidding for the North Atlan-

tic Treaty Organisation's (NATO) top joh on Wednes-day after weeks of public

wrangling among the allies.

Prime Minister Felipe

Gonzalcz said Mr. Solana.

53, would make a "magnifi-

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added Spain had not vet

thought about it. The foreign

ministry said Madrid re-

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Spain's Solana tiptoes

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"I was highly surprised to

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coming issue."

Syria has rejected Israel's demand to have early warning stations on the strategic plateau whereas Israel has so far refused to outline the scope and timetable of a

withdrawal from the heights. "Peace is not just to get back the Golan Heights hut to normalise relations," Mr. Beilin said.

"We hope that on the other side, there are people who understand the opportunity which exists there and that time is not playing in favour of peace. But so far U.S.-led

attempts to bring the two sides back to the negotiating table have been to no avail. Meanwhile Mr. Peres will travel to Washington at the end of November to try to relaunch the peace process.

sources close to him said. Mr. Beilin said he thought it was possible to make sethe Palestinians on the final status of the territories including East Jerusalem due to start at the latest hy May

Mr. Kasasbeh denied Mr.

"He contacted me but I

Thuneibat's charges and said

told him that the cartoon

characters were derived from

Mr. Kasasbeh told the Jordan

Times Wednesday shortly af-

He said this case sets a

precedent in the history of

the Kingdom and that "it will

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and endorsed by key players

only to be rejected by the

United States after holding

make sure at this stage there

are not going to be any new

fiascos." one official told

Reuters. "It's very likely that

anyone who doesn't want to

take the risk now might he

wailing to be reasonably sure

Mr. Solana, a former Ful-

bright scholar in the United

States, is said to have a good

relationship with Secretary of

State Warren Christopher

and even with President Bill

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LONDON (R)

'Ultimate sex channel' banned

LONDON (AFP) - The Swedish satellite service XXXTV : which bills itself as up thands in the over ultimate sex channel — three-year the Gulf ultimate sex channel

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Fighter-bomber found with long-dead

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CANBERRA (AFP)

The wreckage of a RAAF Beaufighter and remains of its two Australian crewmen have been found in Papua New Guinea 52 years after they disappeared in an attack on the Japanese, officials said here Wednesday. The two men were identified as pilot, flying officer John Coates of Lake Boga. Victoria, and navigator, flying officer Charles Hilton Chapple of Greenthorpe, New South Wales. RAAF spokesman Ken Liewellyn said the pair, members of 30 squadron based at Kiriwina Island, had disappeared on Nov. 25, 1943, during a routine low level sweep with another Beaufighter against Japanese coastal shipping. There was no doubt they had crasbed into thick jungle but they had remained "missing in action" and presumed killed until recently. A French survey team working through the area came across the wreckage of the twin-engined fighterbomber on the island of New Britain and reported the find to Australian authorities, Mr. Llewellyn said. The number, location of the crash and wartime reports allowed the RAAF to be fairly certain of the identity of the wreckage and its crew even before a RAAF crash team arrived at the site and found their dogtags. A small group of the men's relatives will be

Art theft rewards can corrupt police # — experts

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Informants are vital to the recovery of stoleo masterpieces but police corruption can easily result if rewards are too high, art experts said. Detectives tracking down stolen paintings and insurers trying to minir ise their losses agreed at an international conference on art theft on the need to work underground. But Charles Hill, head of Scotland Yard's Art Squad that helped track down Edvard Munch's stolen masterpiece The Scream, said: "Reward payments can too easily become a recipe for police corruption." Mr. Hill said that when ransoms were demanded for stolen paintas children is result in the control of the control ings, it was vital for the owner, insurers and police to "keep their nerve and stick together. The aim of the police should be to capture the imaginations of the thieves or handlers that they are blinded to reality... Turning their blindness and stupid greed against them is the right tactic," he said Insurance loss adjuster Richard Mangnall of the British firm Tyler and Co. said that in the 1970s some murky deals took place. "Some adjusters had perhaps got a little too close to police officers... Some reward money, sometimes quite a substantial amount. the imposer partiwas going into the individual police officer's pocket," said Mr. Mangnall.

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Israeli Arabs fear change after Rabin

Israel, Arabs and Jews fought it out at a football game this weekend. But both sides wore black armbands in memory of assassinated Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin and the 2.000 fans stood for two minutes of

Israel's Arabs, 14 per cent of the country's 5.5 million citizens, share in the sorrow at Mr. Rabin's assassination because of his attempt to make peace with their Palestinian brethren and improve their economic and social conditions. But the deep divisions in

Jewish society — so deep that a right-wing lew was willing 10 kill the Jewish prime minister - have made Israeli Arabs think again about where they stand. Uncertainty over their fate

has sparked an old-new de-

bate in Israeli Arab circles

over what they can do to change Jewish society to their benefit. The assassination. which also surprised some Arabs, has drawn many closer to the Israeli peace camp. Israeli Arabs hailed Mr. Rabin as the strong man who

did not compromise to Jewish extremists but they were also angry that he hesitated to use his iron fist against them. Almost all Israeli Arabs have emphasised that they

cannot ignore Mr. Rabin's past as one of the Israeli leaders cruellest towards rebellious Palestinians. Feelings towards him warmed only after his famous peace handshake with Palestine Liheration Organisation (PLO) Chairman Yasser Arafat. "Sorrow at Rabin's killing

among the Arab Palestinian community is genuine," said Samih Al Qassem, a Druze well-known as a nationlist. progressive poet of Palestinian resistance.

"It is directly related to his relationship with the Palestinian people and our interests," he added.

But in the Arab towns of Nazareth and Haifa, common people were undecided on whether the Israeli left would emerge stronger or weaker from the shock of Mr. Rahin's murder.

"During Rabin's funeral. the left wing was sad hut the right wing was defeated and will he for a long time," said Sheikh Abdullah Nimr Darwish, leader of the Arah

NAZARETH (R) — In an Israeli Islamic Movement.

Arab village in northern "By mixing with Israelis. we are not sure Rabin's death will pull them towards the left. They might forget the shock after two weeks and support the right wing. We are worried about an escalanon of right-wing violence.' added Hassan Abu Shahla, 65, owner of a small clothes

> Mr. Rabin's death. many Arabs said. was making Jews reassess the ideology and nature of the Jewish state.

"It will lead to changes. not only in the mentality of the Israelis, but also in the mentality of Palestinians and Arabs as well," said Mr. Qassem. who comes from hte

"We are directly affected by changes in the Jewish society," he said. "There is a forced link between us and the Israelis, thus we can't but be involved in everything that goes on in their society." he added.

Bot Sheikh Darwish said he was against Arab involvement in this inter-Jewish debate for fear it would back-

Traditionally Israeli Arabs have wielded their influence through the ballot box, voting for whoever rendered them services, be it right or left. Mr. Rabin, however won a good share of Arab votes in the 1992 elections.

Arabs became citizens of the State of Israel by default by staying at home in the 1948 war. Jewish extremist gangs drove thousands of others out of their homes. intimidating tens of thousands more to flee in fear from their towns and villages.

For years the Israeli Arabs. who now number about 750,000, were isolated from the two million Palestinians in the Gaza Strip and the West Bank. They have also complained of discrimination by successive Jewish govern-

Haifa is by far the most striking city where Jews and Arabs live side hy side. But even there, there is an exclusively Arab commercial quar-

shops or homes, smoking the hubbly bubbly and chatting in mixed Hebrew and Arabic. The younger generation seem better integrated into

Jewish society. Many behave

and dress like Israelis.

Older men sit outside their

NEWS IN BRIEF

TYRE (AFP) - Israeli naval forces detained a Lebanese

RABAT (R) - Moroccan police arrested 2.172 people in